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A RED CROSS ARMY

NODAWAY HOPES TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP TO 10,000

HOW THE SOCIETY WORKS

County Chapter Directs Activities of Branches With Auxiliaries Working Under the Latter

A million Red Cross members in Missouri by Christmas is the slogan for the Christmas Red Cross membership drive to be opened next Sunday. This is a nation-wide campaign, and the object is to increase the membership of the organization. To enroll practically fifty per cent of Missouri's population in the Red Cross army is a big task, but the men at the head of the Missouri campaign believe it can be done and are working to that end.

Nodaway county is to have a part in this great work. We are asked to increase the membership of Nodaway county chapters and auxiliaries to 6,000. That is our quota. We ought to do even better than that figure. We can if our people get properly interested.

There is now in Nodaway county 3,605 members of the Red Cross. There are three branches already organized, Skidmore, Hopkins and Barnard, with branches being organized in four other townships.

How the Red Cross Works.

The Red Cross organization is subdivided as follows:

First—The national organization.

Second—Division, being a part of the national organization, composed of groups of states with headquarters in some city.

Third—Each state is organized and works under the direction of its division headquarters.

Fourth—The state is expected to form a chapter in each county with jurisdiction of a full county, with headquarters at the county seat, the county chapters responsible to state headquarters.

Fifth—Each county chapter is expected to organize a branch in each township, each branch working under the direction of the county chapter. One hundred resident members in a township is the requisite for a branch.

Sixth—An auxiliary. These are under the direction of the branches in the various townships. If no branch exists in the township, each auxiliary or working unit works under and reports to the chapter direct.

Are Enlisting Workers.

In an advertisement on another page some interesting information is had of the finances of Nodaway county chapter since its organization to date.

For this coming Christmas Red Cross membership drive it is proposed to form a county campaign organization. This plan contemplates a thorough organization in each and every town and township, with a county chairman, an executive committee, and a campaign director.

F. P. Robinson, secretary of the Nodaway chapter, together with the other officers have been enlisting workers for the big drive and will announce the organization for the campaign within the next day or two.

Miss May Orear and Miss Dorothy Pierce went to Elmo today where Miss Pierce instructs the Elmo Red Cross auxiliary.

Skating—
at Hastings' Pond
Admission 5 and 10 cents
—Hartness & Son

HELP THE
Boy Scouts
Buy a Ticket to the Big Feature Film Next
Tuesday Night
You'll get a program worth the money
Certainly you can afford the Small price
Under 12 years - 10 cents
All Others - - 20 cents
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

EARLY HATCHING IS URGED

Government Expert Hopes to Interest Chicken Raisers in Producing Larger Number of Fowls

R. L. Mason, government poultry expert, representing the department of agriculture, was here yesterday to meet with poultry raisers to discuss increased production. Owing to the weather there were but a few here and Mr. Mason met with the officers of the Northwest Missouri Poultry association and others interested and outlined certain plans of the government.

Putting down eggs, early settings, a back yard chicken campaign for city folks and interesting the school children in raising poultry are some of the things being sought by the government in the effort being made to produce more meat and fats for the Allies.

Mr. Mason will return to Maryville on December 22, when the poultry show is being held, and will interest chicken raisers in the program that has been outlined.

A RUSH TO ENLIST

MANY ENTER SERVICE BEFORE DRAFT PUTS A STOP

MANY GO FROM NODAWAY

Joe Price Goes to Waco, Texas, in Hospital Corps—June Blagg Enlists in Long-Bell Company

With the mailing of questionnaires on December 15, registrants will not be eligible for enlistment in the army or navy, consequently there is a rush at the recruiting stations and volunteers arereported waiting in long lines for their examinations. An unusually large number have gone from Nodaway county within the past ten days to enlist in the navy, that branch of the service offering the best inducements.

Leaving today from Maryville to enlist for service is Joe Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Price, who goes to Waco, Texas, where he will enlist in the hospital corps of the United States army. Price, who has been employed at the Alderman-Yehle dry goods store since last March, resigned his position this week. Byron Price, a brother, is Firrst Ward Master in the hospital corps and is stationed at Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex.

June Blagg, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Blagg, left yesterday evening for Kansas City to enlist with the company of volunteers which is being recruited by the Long-Bell lumber company.

Walter Shrubshall of Maryville, a son of Mrs. James Shrubshall, left this morning for Kansas City to enlist in the aviation corps.

Sam Huston and Alfred Crane, two Burlington Junction boys, left Monday for St. Joseph to enlist in the United States navy.

NORMAL "OVER TOP"

EXCEEDED AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED FOR THE Y. M. C. A. FUND

MAKES A FINE SHOWING

With a Goal of $50,000, the Colleges of the State Have Raised to Date Nearly $31,000

Out of twenty-seven colleges in Missouri having made pledges to the Red Triangle, the Maryville Normal stands twelfth in the amount raised; the State University is first. The colleges of the state were expected to raise $50,000, and the amount pledged for the Maryville Normal was $900. The school started out to raise $1000 and exceeded that figure with $1033 raised. Of this amount $494.75 was subscribed by the student body and the remainder, $542, by the faculty. When the number of students and members of the faculty is considered, it will be seen that the school here has done its part for the Y. M. C. A. in a splendid manner.

The amounts raised by the twenty-seven schools is given in the following from Columbia:

University of Missouri	$ 7,487.00
Kirksville State Normal	783.90
Warrensburg State Normal	1,914..00
Cape Girardeau State Normal	2,214.00
Springfield State Normal	1,118.00
Maryville State Normal	1,033.75
Missouri School of Mines	251.00
Missouri Valley College	1,034.00
Central Wesleyan	714.00
Missouri Wesleyan	620.00
Central College Fayette)	548.00
Drury College	740.00
Park College	1,200.00
Tarkio College	854.00
Westminster College	600.00
Hardin College	1,300.00
William Woods College	1,440.00
Christian College	1,390.90
Stephens College	1,200.00
Lindenwood College	1,300.00
Howard Payne College	640.00
Cottey College	50.00
Synodical College	388.00
American School of Osteopathy	1,350.00
Kansas City Veterinary College	500.00
Kidder Institute	100.00
Iberia Academy	25.00
Total	$30,795.55

Left for Ft. Sill, Okla.

Mrs. Robert Garten and Mrrs. Mel Atherton left yesterday for Ft. Sill, Okla., for a visit with their husbands, members of the Fourth Regiment band, stationed there.

Gave Address This Morning.

Miss Martha Wealdon of Bombay, India, addressed the Y. W. C. A. at the Normal this morning during the assembly hour. Miss Wealdon leaves this evening for St. Louis.

Jewelry Gifts
for Christmas

You have only 10 shopping days left in which to buy Christmas gifts. Be sure to visit this store.

Our stock is complete and you can find gifts for every member of the family, gifts that are really of service.

In the hundreds of articles in our store you can find the very one that will please most.

JEWELRY STATIONERY
OPTICAL GOODS

Holmes Jewelry Co.
West Side Square.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Edwin Berry of St. Joseph Was Being Driven Home From Maitland by Dr. S. G. Beard—Few Details

Edwin Berry of St. Joseph was instantly killed and Dr. S. G. Beard of Maitland was badly hurt just before noon today when the automobile they were riding in was wrecked at a bridge near Fillmore. While only meager details of the accident could be learned this afternoon, a message from Maitland said that Berry, who was a friend of Dr. Beard, was being driven to his home after a visit with the latter. The message did not give th emanner of the accident. Young Berry, it was learned, had recently returned from France where he has been in the service of the government.

New Suits Filed.

Warren L. Johnson, as executor of the estate of David Yeisley, filed suit this morning to secure attachment on a note held by Kight.

NEED MORE DOCTORS

N. W. MISSOURI COUNTIES HAVE NOT FURNISHED QUOTA

91 ASKED, 29 RESPOND

Nodaway County's Quota is Eight—Four Who Have Been Accepted Have Not Yet Been Credited

With two exceptions the counties of northwestern Missouri have not met their allotments of doctors for the medical officers' reserve corps, according to Major Wm. H. Luedde of St. Louis, secretary of the Missouri Council of Defense. The Missouri Council medical section, apportioned the 900 doctors who were needed from this state to all counties, the quotas based on 20 per cent of the latest census of active medical men. The doctors are not drafted, but a voluntary system is used, making a patriotic plea for the doctors to respond to their country's call. By dividing the number evenly, enough doctors will be left to take care of the civilian population. Not one of those accepted will be called into service at once, as there are enough volunteers to meet immediate demands.

The following are the northwest Missouri counties, their allotments, and the number of doctors they have furnished to date:

	Quota	Credited
Atchison	4	0
Holt	6	0
Nodaway	8	0
Andrew	5	0
Buchanan	36	18
Platte	4	4
Worth	3	1
Gentry	6	0
DeKalb	3	4
Clinton	6	1
Clay	10	1

Major Luedde met yesterday at St. Joseph with the Buchanan county auxiliary medical defense committee, says the News-Press, also stating that "an examining committee will be appointed by the county committee to examine the northwest Missouri doctors who volunteer for the service."

Nodaway county has furnished four of her quota of eight—Drs. W. M. Wallis, K. C. Cummins, L. E. Dean and H. S. Dowell of Clearmont. These are not credited in the above list for the reason, presumably, that their acceptance has not been returned to the state defense council committee for proper credit.

Known Dead Now 1,800.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Halifax, Dec. 12.—Revised estimates of the authorities today place the edath list from the explosion at 1,800 known dead, and possibly between 800 and 900 under the debris, the bodies yet to be recovered. 500 persons are totally blind as a result of the terrible disaster.

Boiler at School Bursts.

One of the boilers in the heating plant at St. Patrick's school exploded this morning, doing damage estimated at between $300 and $400. It was necessary to dismiss school until the damage could be repaired.

Murray Welling went to Graham yesterday to visit for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welling.

BABY BOND DRIVE ON

G. L. WILFLEY NAMES TOWNSHIP CAPTAINS FOR CAMPAIGN

BANKERS WILL PUSH IT

At Meeting Today at Elks Club, C. Q. Dix, St. Louisan, Pointed Out Seriousness of the War

The campaign for the sale of war savings certificate stamps and thrift stamps was launched by the bankers of the county at a luncheon held at the Elks Club this noon. George L. Wilfley, county chairman, announced the appointments of the township chairmen as follows:

Polk—E. W. Gray; assistant, E. M. Claypool.
Nodaway—C. I Hann.
Lincoln—A. P. Hitzmann.
Green—H. C. Bailey.
Monroe—W. S. Linville.
Hughes—W. E. Freytag.
Atchison—Roy Hanna.
Hopkins—J. C. Pistole.
Independence—C. F. Sisson.
Union—Roy Wolfers.
Jackson—Fay Casteel.
Jefferson—Anna Wirth.
Washington—Carl Wray.
Grant—J. A. Fields.
White Cloud—J. T. Goff.

Charles Q. Dix of St. Louis was the speaker at the meeting and talked of the peril facing America today. He said it was the best opinion of well-informed men that the war will last at least five year, if not ten. He told of what this country had accomplished during the eight months we have been at war, of the efficiency when we are confronted with these various problems, and what we still had to do.

Mr. Dix spoke of the seriousness of the war. He said the thrift stamp campaign was the best undertaking the government has taken up on account of being in reach of children and making them realize more and more that they are a part of this war.

Mr. Dix spoke at the high school assembly this morning and will give a four minute talk at the Empire Theatre this evening.

The allotment for Nodaway county is $600,000 and every effort will be made to secure this sum.

The Bankers Present.

The bankers outside of Maryville in attendance at the luncheon were: E. C. Wolfers, Sr., and J. C. Pistole of Hopkins; Roy Wolfers, Pickering; John A. Fields, Barnard; Tom Montgomery, Bolckow; Carl Wray ,Guilford; Everett Linville, Skidmore; Fay Casteel, Ravenwood; H. C. Bailey, Quitman; T. A. Corken, Burlington Junction; A. P. Hitzman, Elmo; Milo L. Chute of the Burnes National Bank of St. Joseph; E. N. VanHorne of the German-American National Bank of St. Joseph.

The following from Maryville were present: President Ira Richardson, Rev. G. S. Cox, Rev. T. H. Wiles, Joseph Jackson, Jr., E. W. Gray, George B. Baker, James B. Robinson, F. P. Robinson, G. L. Wilfley, George Robb Ellison, A. W. Hoover, Harry Snyder, J .S. Shinabargar, H. L. Haines, E. M. Claypool, Fred Hull and James Todd.

M. KONOVALOFF

M. Konovaloff, minister of commerce and industry in the Russian coalition cabinet formed by Premier Kerensky, who was arrested by the rebel Maximalists.

ALLOWED THEM TO DROWN

Many Men on the Jacob Jones Might Easily Have Been Saved by the Germans—But One Picked Up

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 12.—Many of the American sailors who went down with the destroyer Jacob Jones, when that ship was torpedoed last Thursday, by a German submarine, could easily have been saved by the German boat, but the submersible wantonly allowed them to drown. The U-boat drifted about the scene of the submarining and saw the struggling men seeking to find safety in boats and on rafts, but offered no aid. One man was picked up by the Germans, evidently for the purpose of questioning, rescued officers believe.

Pershing Reports Three Deaths.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Gen. Pershing reports the deaths from natural causes of two privates and a corporal, members of the expeditionary forces. One of the privates is Irwin Shaw of Columbia, Mo.

A NEW COAL ORDER

NO MORE CONFISCATION BY RAILROADS, SAYS CROSSLEY

A LIMIT ON DELIVERIES

Dealers Are Directed Not to Fill Orders Where 30-Day Supply Is Already on Hand

Jefferson City, Dec. 12.—Sweeping orders of State Fuel Administrator Crossley to relieve the coal situation in Missouri went into effect at 7 a. m. today.

The order forbids confiscation of coal by the railroads and terminals, eliminates re-consignment of coal cars and limits all retail deliveries to a thirty-day supply.

"When a consumer has a thirty-day supply on hand no further deliveries will be made to him until other orders are filled," said Crossley. "Winter is upon us, and those who are without coal or who have only a ten days supply will be looked after first."

The order forbidding confiscation of coal compels railroads and terminal companies to get permission of the fuel administration before appropriating it to their own use. If the request for coal is just it will be granted.

"The privilege of confiscation has been abused," Crossley said. "Seizure of coal shipments may not affect a large dealer in the city but it brings disaster to the smaller dealer."

State Fuel Director Case of Kansas has joined Crossley in the order calculated to put an end to indefinite reconsigners of coal cars at terminal points and provided that cases where the rule they have promuigated has been violated the fuel directors will send the coal to points where there is immediate need for it, making arrangements to pay for the coal to avoid loss or disputes. Coal can only be reconsigned to terminal points while the coal is still rolling and before the coal reaches the terminal point so that a car may be diverted to a necessary destination without holding it for definite instructions.

Only one such reconsignment upon any such car in transit from mine to destination will be allowed.

Charles Middleton Marries.

Miss Myrtle Seals, a daughter of Mrs. Charles Hager, and Charles Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton, were married at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Middleton residence on South Main street, the Rev. T. H. Wiles officiating. Mr. Middleton, who was enlisted in the United States army and stationed at Ft. Cook, Nebr., was discharged about a week ago on account of his hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton will make their home in Maryville.

EXPECT BIG BATTLE ON WEST FRONT

NEW TROOPS TO TEUTON LINES MAY BE FORERUNNER OF A GIGANTIC DRIVE

BIG GUNS ROARING ALONG ALL FRONTS

Central Powers Plan Huge Offensive Before the American Troops Can Reach Battle Front in Great Numbers

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 12.—Austrian troops may already be on the way to the western front to aid the Germans, according to information from Amsterdam. It is also hinted that the Austrian reinforcements were drawn from the eastern front after the armistice with Russia had been signed and would be used against the French.

Along the entire western front from the north to the Adriatic Sea artillery duels of great magnitude are being fought, which doubtless are the forerunners of the expected great offensive the Teutonic allies have in view before the American troops can reach the battle fronts in great numbers.

On the Ypres and Arras fronts, held by the British, on various sectors eastward from St. Quentin to Alsace, in the hill country bordering the Italian plains and at points along the Piave river, the big guns everywhere are in operation.

On the British front huge numbers of airplanes are continually winging their way over the lines, engaged in battles in the air or searching out points where troops are being concentrated.

The Teutons daily continue to reinforce by large numbers their already superior forces on all fronts.

Between the Brenta and Piave rivers, on the northern front in Italy, the artillery fighting is described by the Rome war office as intense, and there is similar activity in the coastal region near the mouth of the Piave, where the Austrians Monday captured a position in the Capo Sile region but were driven out later with heavy losses in killed and men made prisoner.

BRANDEIS, WILSON'S CHOICE

Associate Supreme Court Justice Will be Dictator if Railroads Are Taken Under Federal Control

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Louis Brandeis, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, is the choice of President Wilson for the position of dictator of the railroads if the United States, in the event that the president finally decides the railroads must be operated under federal control.

Justice Brandeis, it is learned, expressed a disinclination to assume the duty, but was strongly urged to do so. President Wilson wants Justice Brandeis to serve if the government takes over the roads, as now seems a certainty, because he has made a long study of the railroad problem as relates to the roads of the United States.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Green of Harmony are visiting friends here today and shopping.

THE WEATHER

Much colder and unsettled tonight and Thursday, with probably snow; lowest temperature tonight near zero.

Feature Tonight
Empire Theatre
11 and 17 cents

Perfection Pictures, with
SHIRLEY MASON
Full of that Elusive Quality Called Charm, in
The Apple-Tree Girl
A Story Full of Action, Love, Interest and Humor.
Tomorrow—"UNCONQUERED."

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ON COLD PACKED CANNING

Article by Raymond Houston, Age Eleven, of Glendale School

The students at Glendale school, of which W. H. Burr is teacher, have been having demonstrations in cold packing canning. The following is by Raymond Houston, an eleven-year-old pupil of the class.

"The first thing we did in canning our pumpkin was to make a can-lifter. We made it of lath. We placed them an inch apart. We used two No. 9 wires at each end for handholds. We sawed the laths so they would set in the boiler. We put the jars on the can lifter and let them down into the water. The can lifter will let the water circulate under the jars.

"We put enough water into the boiler so that it was half an inch above the jars. We let the water heat until it begins to boil. While the water was heating we sliced the pumpkin into large pieces. When that was done we peeled the pieces and then sliced them up into small bits.

"To blanch the pumpkin we put it into a clean sack and put it into some boiling water and let it stand for ten minutes. As soon as we took the pumpkin out of the boiling water we dipped it into a bucket of cold water. We then emptied the pumpkin into a pan. It was put into the cold water so it wouldn't lose its flavor and color.

We should test our lids and rubbers. The way to test the lids is to put them on the jars and run your finger nail around the lid. If your finger nail drops in somewhere around the lid you will know that lid doesn't fit good on that jar; but if your finger doesn't drop in any crevice that will mean that jar lid is all right. To test the rubber you should stretch it a little and if it goes back together without cracking, it is a good rubber; but if it does crack it is a bad rubber. It is better to throw away one rubber than to have a jar of fruit spoil. We got our jars ready and put the pumpkin into them. We packed it as we put it in. When we got it full we put the rubber on; following that we poured some warm water into the jars. We saw that there were no air bubbles. We put the lid on as tight as we could and turned it back about a quarter of a turn so the steam could get out.

"We then put the jars on the can lifter and let them down into the water. The water must be about an inch and a half above the jars. The jars were left in the water for two hours. Then we took the jars out and tightened the lids. After a jar of fruit has been sealed once it should not be tightened any more. If it is, it will spoil unless you cook it over again."

Conception Won Debate.

The program given by the Young Men's Debating society of Parnell Saturday evening was well attended and met with the approval of all present. The first number on the program was a selection by the K. K. orchestra of Parnell, composed of Parnell young ladies. Next was a song sung by the Young Ladies' Quartet composed of the Misses Mildred Hall, Quete Morgan, Helen Welch and Bernice Brummitt, assisted by Fred Messbargar and accompanied on the piano by Gertrude Spire. The song was highly appreciated by the audience, who demanded an encore. Last and most important number was the debate, "Resolved That the Government Should Own, Operate and Control the Railroads." The affirmative was represented by Guy Curry and Orley Miller of Parnell, while the negative was championed by Richards and Wilson of Conception Junction. Both sides went deep into the subject.

The judges, composed of the Misses Sargent, Woods, and Kendal, rendered a decision in favor of the negative.

For good things to eat, visit the market at Baptist Bazaar Thursday.

"The Apple Tree Girl"

"The Apple Tree Girl"—being the story of little Miss Moses who tried to find the answer to things that puzzled her by methods of arithmetic—will be shown at the Empire theatre tonight.

Even in working out the problem of "life, love and all things" by mathematics, one sometimes finds that love is to be chosen rather than great riches. Shirley Mason in the leading part is not Shirley Mason as Charlotte Marlin— she IS Charlotte Marlin, and one watches breathlessly the psychological phases through which she passes. While the great interest centers in this struggle of a young girl's soul, the production is full of action, fun and human interest. Ray McKee is the hero and Joyce Fair shows great ability in her role of "the other girl."

The Ladies' Aid Society will give annual Bazaar and chicken dinner at Baptist church Thursday.

Sells Farm.

S. A. Pierpoint sold his farm of 87 acres, one mile north of town to Harry Mutz, for $16,000. Mr. Mutz sold his residence property to Mr. Pierpoint for $7,000. The deal was made through Nash, Anderson & Woodard.

Handkerchiefs, aprons, caps and miscellaneous articles will be for sale at Baptist Bazaar Thursday.

CITY BOYS ARE STRONGEST

A Health Expert Finds That Young Men From the Country Have the Most Physical Defects

Young men from the country have more physical defects, more cases of impaired health, than young men from the cities. This statement is made by Dr. Nydegger, is charge of the U. S. Public Health Service in Baltimore. It is based on the military exemptions made by the exemption boards for the whole country as far as the facts are known. The difference, the doctor thinks, is due to the fact that the health of children is almost wholly neglected in country schools, while in most city schools it is the subject of constant care. Another reason is that sanitary conditions ars not usually as good in the country as is the city. The time to build a strong, healthy manhood and womanhood is when the child is young.

MANY APPLY FOR INSURANCE

Government Protection for Soldiers and Sailors Reaches Total of Over 552 Million Dollars

Washington, Dec. 12. — The act which provides for government life insurance for soldiers and sailors has now been in operation a little more than a month. The secretary of the treasury announced on November 17 that up to that date 64,168 applications under the new law had been received, representing insurance in the sum of $552,093,000. From four to six thousand applications are received each day at the treasury department, the amount of insurance applied for sometimes reaching a total of fifty million dollars in a single day.

The law provides that soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses in active service may obtain from the government life insurance in amounts not exceeding $10,000 at premium rates ranging from 65 cents a month at the age o f21 years to $1.20 a month at the age of 51 years, for each $1,000 of insurance.

One of the primary objects of this law is to lessen the tremendous burden of pensions which has followed as a consequence of all American wars.

Can Make Rolls and Buns.

Local bakers, following instructions from the government food department, have announced to their customers that they would be unable to furnish rolls and buns. Word comes from the department today, however that rolls and buns can be made until further orders.

For good things to eat, visit the market at Baptist Bazaar Thursday.

SIDELIGHTS ON WAR NEWS.

A fighting force of 100,000 men, comprising priets and peasants of the Tibetan Plateau, has been offered to the British government for service with the allies.

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Germany is held up as the greatest example in the history of the world, of exaggerated, cultivated and persistent selfishness, by the entire civilized universe.

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Chevrons will hereafter be worn by all British veterans of the present war. Each stripe will denote a year's service. They will be worn by officers as well as men.

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French wounded who have been returned from German prison camps are not old in years, but the hair of the majority of the hundreds already sent back has turned gray.

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Before the war German efficiency had elicited the admiration of the world. She was honored for her scholarship, her thrift and her natural accomplishments in industry and education. Now she has lost all these things and has gained the hatred and contempt of all mankind.

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Ambulance and escort wagons for an army of 2,033,000 men will require the expenditure of $10,600,000. This sum is expected to cover the acquisition of 55,000 escort wagons, 60,000 water wagons, 3,400 ambulance wagons, 10,000 medical carts and 5,000 small arms ammunition wagons.

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Austria has begun a systematic extermination of the Serbian population. The babies and aged have died of destitution and hunger, while the vigorous competent and courageous have been arrested, falsely accused, thrown into prison, ruined, condemned, tortured and executed.

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German textbooks containing laudatory references to the German emperor or the history of the Hohenzollerns will be eliminated from the course of study in the high schools in New York City. It is predicted that the teaching of the German language in the public schools in every state will soon be prohibited.

UNCLE SAM WORLD'S MOST LIBERAL NAVY PAYMASTER

Liberal Wages and Rapid Advancement Certain to Men Who Are Capable and Industrious.

United States bluejackets are the best-paid naval men in the world. The wartime pay, continuing for not later than six months after the war, is not less than $32.60 a month and goes as high as $83 for chief gunners' mates and chief commissary stewards.

A man-of-war's-man is always sure of his job as long as he renders faithful service and is qualified to perform his duties. He will never lose his job because of strikes or hard times. If he is sick or injured he is well cared for in a modern naval hospital. His pay goes on whether he be sick or well. He has no doctor bills for himself. Upon completing an enlistment, if his record has been meritorious, he receives, as a testimonial of fidelity and obedience, an honorable discharge; this entitles him to re-enlist at any time within four months, if he is physically qualified, and to get four months' pay as a bonus for re-enlisting. If he is disqualified for re-enlistment, by reason of disability incurred in line of duty, he is entitled to a pension.

The food in the navy is excellent. Great care is taken to make sure as to both the quality and the quantity. The purchasing, preparing, cooking and serving is done under the inspection of commissary officers who are required to see that the food is appetizing and nourishing. The character of the diet is changed with the seasons of the year and the climatic conditions of the locality in which the ship cruises, but, whenever possible, the sailors are supplied with fresh provisions. It is believed that the United States navy ration is better than that of any other military service in the world. This subsistence is furnished to enlisted men free. They have no board bill to pay when on duty.

When a man enlists he is furnished by the government with transportation to the training station or to the receiving ship to which he is assigned; and if there is a night ride he is given a berth in the sleeper, or a stateroom if sent by steamer. While on the way meals are furnished by the government—as are car fare, transfers across the city, etc. When a man is discharged at the expiration of his enlistment he is furnished with a "travel allowance," at 4 cents a mile, instead of transportation, from the place of discharge (in the United States) to the place of enlistment within the United States. If he is discharged before his enlistment expires, by reason of physical disability, he is furnished transportation and subsistence to his home.

Every recruit is provided free with an outfit of uniform clothing, bedding and other necessaries, amounting to $60. This outfit includes, among other things, woolen blankets, jack-knife, handkerchiefs, tooth brushes, hair brushes, scrub brushes, shoe polish, mattress and mattress covers, neckerchief, high and low shoes, spool of cotton, silk and linen thread; all articles of uniform for summer and winter, including overcoat, sweater, gloves, bathing trunks and gymnasium shoes. All this outfit of clothing is not issued at once, but only so much of it is furnished the recruit as the season requires; for instance, if he enlists in midsummer he will be issued white uniform and one set of "blues," but no overcoat or sweater. If he enters the service in midwinter the summer weight of underwear and white clothes will remain to his credit, to be drawn when needed. The outfit is complete in all respects and is ample for the needs of the recruit during his first year of service; and if he is reasonably careful of his clothes many of the articles need not be replaced for three or four years.

Destroyer Building Speeds Up.

The Navy Department is breaking all records in constructing destroyers to continue the submarine warfare. Vessels of this type that took two years to build before the war are now being turned out in 10 months. In three years we shall have the largest flotilla of destroyers in the world.

Get a good chicken dinner for 35c at the Baptist church Thursday noon.

POPE ALTERS CHURCH RULES

War Causes a Lessening of Restrictions on Fasting, Marriages and the Confessional

Some new regulations in regard to fasting, marriages and the confessional, designed by Pope Benedict XV to take effect in the Catholic church in America next Easter, have been modified and will become effective in the United States and all European countries at war at this Advent season, it is announced.

Owing to the hardships of war the prohibition against eating flesh and fish is changed to cover Ash Wednesdays, all Fridays and Saturdays of Lent and certain special days like the Ember.

There is a less severe limitation on the receiving of the Holy Communion before food of any kind is eaten. This restriction applies to both priests and people. It relates especially to persons who are ill, or recovering from illness .

Wholly new regulations obtain in regard to marriage, the dates when they may be performed, and between whom contracts may be made. The old rule has been to restrict marriages between the first Sunday in Advent, falling on or near November 30, and the Feast of the Epiphany, which is January 6. By the new ruling, marriages may be performed immediately after Christmas day. The relations which may contract alliances are slightly modified, and the ages lowered by two years in the cases of both men and women.

Graham M. E. Church Notes.

Services Sunday, December 16, as follows:

Graham—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Mt. Zion—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 3 p. m.

Rockford—Sunday school at 10 a. m.

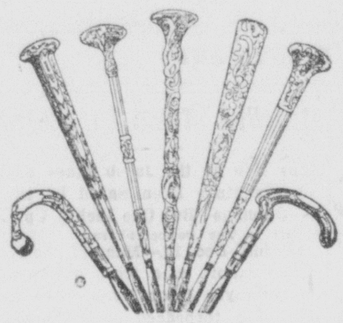
Swan Chapel—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

E. W. CROY, Pastor.

Handkerchiefs, aprons, caps and miscellaneous articles will be for sale at Baptist bazaar Thursday.

An attachment suit on a note has been filed by W. L. Johnson, executor of the estate of David Yeisley, deceased, against Nora Kight. Fred Harvey is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Give An Umbrella



A Gift that is Suitable for either Man or Woman.

Many Styles to choose from.

GIFTS FOR MEN.

The Christmas Gift that will bring most pleasure to a man is the one he can use—and at the same time be proud of its distinction.

A Few Suggestions for Men:

Traveling Case, Cigarette Case and Match Box, Cigar Holder, Fountain Pen, Knife, Card Case, Key Chain, Waldemar Chain, Letter Opener, Cuff Links, etc.

MAKE AN EARLY SELECTION.

Kuchs Bros.

BOOKS JEWELRY STATIONERY

New Shipment of Winter Caps

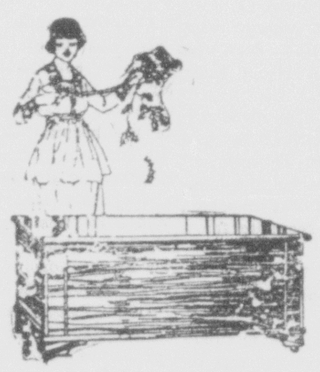
Just received this morning by express, a new shipment of winter caps in excellent patterns and shapes, including the Sharp Shooter and Trench Caps.

Also stocking caps in all colors.

50c to $1.50

Murphy Clothing Co.

PNEUMONIA
First call a physician. Then begin hot applications of—
Keep a Little Body-Guard in Your Home
VICK'S VAPORUB



Cedar Chests for Christmas

A GIFT THAT WILL DELIGHT THE HEART OF ANY WOMAN. Yes, it's practical, too, not merely a pretty ornament but a chest that for several generations will serve as a storehouse for furs and woolens, and keep them safe from the ravaging moth.

OUR ASSORTMENT IS BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE, but you had better come tomorrow—the choice selections will soon be gone.

THE PRICES ARE FROM $8.25 UP—Make your choice now for Christmas delivery.

Price and McNeal

FURNITURE RUGS

Christmas Goods

We are especially prepared for Christmas goods and our prices are within reach of all. Our shoe stock is complete—NO RAISE IN PRICES.

Hats, Shirts, Ties and Hosiery; Overcoats and Suits of the best Collegian make at closing out prices.

We carry the best blue serge suits in this city. Remember, we sell for less profit than any firm in town, therefore, give the best satisfaction. Don't pass us up, but trade with one you know.

Mose Nusbaum

It Pays to Trade at Nusbaum's.

HUDSON & WELCH

NORTH SIDE HARDWARE MEN

THE STORE WITH RIGHT PRICES

Perhaps if your head were as clear as a whistle, it would not ache—

Try Kondon's for your headache

(at no cost to you)

50,000,000 have used this 29-year-old remedy. For chronic catarrh, sore nose, coughs, colds, sneezing, nose-bleed, etc. Write us for complimentary can, or buy tube at druggist's. It will benefit you *four* times more than it costs, or we pay money back. For trial can free write to KONDON MFG. CO., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

KONDON'S CATARRHAL JELLY

Victrolas

WILL THERE BE A VICTROLA IN YOUR HOME ON

Christmas Morning?

It is not necessary to spend a lot of money to own a genuine VICTOR VICTROLA. Victrolas as low as $20.00 with genuine Victor reproducer, tone arm and wooden sound chamber. We have machines in stock from $20 to $250 and every machine will bring joy and happiness to one family the year round. If your friend has a Victrola, buy him a record for Christmas. If you are interested in a player piano, let us show you our GUL-BRANSEN-made player. We will take your upright piano in exchange.

Landon Music Co.

North Main St.—Maryville, Mo.

Letters to Santa Claus

SANTA CLAUS LETTEERS

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a big story book, and a pair of beads and a new dress, a big doll, and a tablet. I am blind. I have got a girl to write for me.

EDNA BLISS,
111 North Water St.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 7 years old. Will you please bring me a doll, a lot of furs and a doll buggy, some candy and nuts. But, Santa, don't forget the little orphans and the soldier boys. Be sure and take them something. I would rather do without and let them have my share; but if you have plenty, bring me what you have left for me. I am sick with typhoid fever. Please bring my brother and two sisters something good.

VELMA EISENMAN,
403 South Market St.

Maryville, Mo.
Dec. 6, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus.—I am a very little girl and cannot write to you myself, but another girl said she would write if I would tell her just what to say. Please take some food and clothes to the little children across the river that are starving to death before you bring me anything. I would like to have a painting book, and some nuts and candy; then, if you have anything that you think I need, I will be very glad to get it. Your little friend,

MILDRED HOTCHKIN,

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am 8 years old. Please bring me a popgun and a sled. Mamma wants a pair of gloves. Your dear friend,

PEARL WOODS,
1323 East Cooper St.

P. S. Don't forget some candy and nuts.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a top, a sled and a popgun. Elizabeth wants some dishes and some chairs for her dolls; and a top for Frank. And Ralph wants some blocks, a top and a little horse.

WILBUR WOODS.
1323 East Cooper St.

P. S. Ralph wants an auto.

Ravenwood, Mo.,
Dec. 7, 1917.

Dear Santa:—I will write you a little letter this morning telling you what I want for Christmas. I want a little wagon and a shovel and whatever else you think I ought to have, for I've been a good boy and helped my mamma.

LAUREL LEE KING.

Ravenwood, Mo.,
Dec. 5, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy eight years old and hope you will not forget me. I want you to bring me a horn, a sled, nuts, candy, a ball and a top. Also remember all good boys and girls. Your friend,

WILLIE KIMMET.

Ravenwood, Mo.,
Dec. 4, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy six years old and hope you will not forget me. I want you to bring me oranges, candy, nuts and a ball and a gun. Also remember all good boys and girls. Your little friend,

MARTIN RILEY.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—Please bring me a scarf and cap and a watch bracelet. Please do not forget the soldiers and the little children that haven't got any papas or mammas.

GLADYS MARIE ROSS.
115 North Water street.

Ravenwood, Mo.,
Dec. 4, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl six years old, and I hope you will not forget me. I want you to bring me a doll head, a doll, a trunk, a sweater, handkerchiefs, candy, oranges and a first reader. Also remember all good boys and girls. Your little friend,

BEATRICE RAY.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—Please bring me a cap and scarf, bracelet and locket. Don't forget the orphan children.

LEONA ROSS.
115 North Water street.

Quitman, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am writing this letter for my little sister, Lois Margaret, and for me, too. Lois Margaret wants a little baby doll and a gocart and a little telephone. I want a sled wors tof all, and I want some mittens and a book. I wish you could come over to our school house to our Christmas tree. We are going to have a good little program. We would both like to have some nuts and candy if the soldier boys don't need them all. From your friend,

HERMAN THOMPSON.

Dear Santa.—I want a trunk and a set of glass dishes, candy and nuts and a ring.

MABEL SCHOONOVER.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want some candy and some stockings. I don't want any toys this year, so you take my share of toys to the French orphans.

DORIS WALLACE.
Age 7 years.
R. F. D. 1.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a train that runs on a track and a cork gun and a toy fiddle and some candy and nuts and be sure to take some presents to the poor little boys in France. Your friend,

LON WILLIAM LYLE.
Age 6 years.
605 North Market street.

P. S. Put my toys on the Christmas tree in the basement of Edwards Cafe, for that is where I will be.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus: — I wish you would bring me a sled, a gun and a story book; and my little brother, Ira, wants a ball and a top and a little car. Your little friend,

MAURICE NEWLON.
Age 8 years.
605 North Market street.

Pickering, Mo.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 5 years old, and I hope, dear old Santa can fill my order. I want a doll that goes to sleep, a doll buggy, some little dishes and a broom, a pair of shoes, a new coat, a new dress, some candy and nuts. Don't forget the little boys and girls that look for Christmas. With my love to you, old Santa,

ALICE FULLER.
R. F. D. No. 2., care P. C. Ingerson.

Parnell, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—Being that you haven't very many toys this year, I do not want much. All I want is a popcorn popper and a victor trap. My brother, Marshall, said he wanted a train that ran on a track. That is all I want. I do not want much, because there are children who have no father or mother, so I am going to share with them. They have just as much right to have toys as the children who have fathers and mothers.

Yours truly,
JOHN KENNEDY.

Hopkins, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am writing you to let you know what I would like for Christmas. I would like you to please bring me a little rocking chair. I am not asking for very much because I want you to give the little boys and girls who have papas in the war the most. I thank you very much for what you have brought me before, and I like my sled and skates about the best, I think. Well, this is all.

OLIVE EVELYN BOYD.
R. F. D. 5, Box 27.

Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a wagon and some candy and walnuts. I want the wagon to bring in the wood for mamma.

RALPH HORNBUCKLE.
Age 7.

Pickering Mo.

Dear Old Santa:—I am a little girl nine years old, and I thought that if I would write to you you would come and see me. Mamma says he is too poor to come to our house. I asked mamma what she wanted for Christmas and she said she would like to have a pair of overshoes, two pair of blankets and two comforts. Now, what I want for Christmas is a coat, cap and a pair of shoes, stockings, overshoes, candy and nuts.

Yours truly,
LILLY FULLER.
R. F. D. No. 2., care P. C. Ingerson.

Pickering Mo.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I am a little girl ten years old. I live in the country and I like it fine, for Mr. and Mrs. Ingerson are just as good as can be. Well, dear old Santa Claus, I hope you will remember me, for I am not going to ask for anything that is foolish. I want a coat, a pair of shoes, overshoes, a cap and a new dress, and some candy and nuts. Dear old Santa, will you bring my papa an overcoat, a pair of overshoes and a sweater? Yours truly,

DORA FULLER.
R. F. D. No. 2, care P. C. Ingerson.

Ravenwood, Mo.

Mr. Santa Claus.—I hear you are willing to hear from any of the boys and girls this year, so I thought I would write and tell you what I want. Please bring me a pair of beads, a story book, a pretty hair ribbon, some candy and oranges.

Yours truly,
(LEATHA MARIE LAWSON.
Age 11.

Ravenwood, Mo.

Mr. Santa Claus:—Mamma said that we girls must not ask for many Christmas presents because we must save to help win the war. I want a pair of beads, a doll and a sled, some candy and nuts. Be sure and don't forget the little French children and those who have no mammas or papas.

Your little friend,
LUCILE MARGUERITE LAWSON.
Age 8.

Pickering Mo.

Dear Old Santa:—I will write a few lines to let you know where you will find me, for I moved to the country and I surely like it fine, for we've got the best man to work for since we have been in Missouri. His name is P. C. Ingerson. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a rifle so I can shoot rabbits, a pair of overshoes, a cap, overalls and a sled; candy, nuts, and my little twin brother wants a pair of shoes, a pair of stockings, a cap, a coat, mittens, a wagon, some candy and nuts. I hope you won't forget the little boys and girls this year. I am 12 years old.

Yours truly,
ALBERT FULLER.
R. F. D. No. 2, care P. C. Ingerson.

What Would a Savings Account Mean to You in

December 1918?

It could mean———

1. Tax money on hand
2. Money for unsettled accounts on hand
3. Christmas money on hand

The Farmers Trust Company's Christmas Savings Club

will begin

Monday, December 17, 1917

Enroll and have money next Christmas. Several classes of membership. No dues—No fines—No trouble. An easy, simple and sure plan to save money.

Ask Us for Full Particulars

KANSAS CITY STOCK LETTER

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 12. —Cattle received today, 17,000 head; market slow but fully steady; short fed steers, $12.50. Hogs today, 7,000; market 10 to 15 higher; top, $17.55. Sheep today, 9,000; market 10 lower; lambs to killers, $16.40.

Beef Cattle—Beef steers and cows advanced 15 to 25 cents last week, and while buyers were slow getting out today, they paid steady prices for steers, and strong for cows. Some good yearlings brought $13, and two lots of heavy Christmas steers were late arriving, buyers waiting for these at one o'clock. Prices for these prime cattle will doubtless go far above $12.50, otherwise top in the heavy steer trade. Receipts of Colorado and western cattle are smaller each week; sales of steers last week up to $10.75; cows $9.50. Native cows sell up to $10.50; heifers $12.50; some good fed animals no wshowing up. Veals are higher; best $13.

Stockers and Feeders — Soft corn continues to stimulate buying of stockers and feeders and prices have held steady during the past week. Feeding steers sell at $9.50 to $11; stockers $7 to $10; any White Face stockers of decent breeding bringing above $9, and good red cattle around $9.00. Stock cows and heifers bring $6.25 to $8.

Hogs—From a five higher opening today, the market quickly went to 10 to 15 higher; best heavy hogs, $17.55; medium weights same price; best lights, $17.45; bulk of sales $17.30 to $17.50. Packers furnished the competition, though order buyers were in to some extent. However, order buyers have been active for a week and were the main force that caused the advance of 25 to 30 cents in prices last week. Pigs sold stronger last week, and also today; sales at $15.50 to $16.25. Arrangements have about been completed here for shipping stock hogs direct to the country from the public stock yards on the day purchased, under certain dipping and vaccinating rules.

Sheep and Lambs — Lamb prices were 10 to 25 lower today; best here, $16.40; some heavy fed native lambs, around 100 pounds, at $15.60; a big string of New Mexico feeding lambs at $16. 58 pounds average. These feeding lambs are like others that sold for $16.75 two weeks ago. Best fed yearlings sell up to $14; wethers, $12.50; ewes, $11.75. The market is expected to acquire stronger support after the first of January.

J. A. RICKART,
Market Correspondent.

Miss Kittie Grems, who has been visiting in Chicago with Mrs. John I. Hoffman, returned yesterday to her home in Maryville.

MUSTEROLE—QUICK RELIEF! NO BLISTER!

It Soothes and Relieves Like a Mustard Plaster Without the Burn or Sting

Musterole is a clean, white ointment, made with the oil of mustard. It does all the work of the old-fashioned mustard plaster—does it better and does not blister. You do not have to bother with a cloth. You simply rub it on—and usually the pain is gone!

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30c and 60c jars; hospital size $2.50.

MUSTEROLE
WILL NOT BLISTER

DECEMBER REALTY SALES UP

Deals for First Week Represent a Total of Over $82,000

The first week in December found the local realty market unusually active, the total sales reaching $82,000, the largest amount recorded for the first week in any December for a long time. The largest sale recorded was by John Allen to Thos. O'Brien, $16,000. Real estate agents report the demand for land in this section of the state good.

List of instruments filed in the recorder's office in Nodaway county, Missouri, beginning December 1, 1917.

Godfrey Wiederholt to Frank J. Wiederholt, part E½ NW and N 2-3 NE SW 29,63,33; $7175.

Geo. L. Wilfley to Anna B. and Mary Sewell, lots 6 and 7, block 2 Bariteau's Add Maryville; $3200.

Josephine Gross to Aloys Gross, pt S½ NW and N½ SW 21, 64, 35; $1.00.

John W. Smith to Henry E. Owens, N½ SE, NW, 25, 64, 37; $1600.

George Wiederholt to Godfrey Wiederholt, part NW 28, 63, 33; $5000.

Adam Watson to Alex Gray, part NE corner ½ block 16 Saunders Add Maryville; $2200.

John Allen to Thomas O'Brien, SW 10, 63, 34; $16,000.

Walter E. Johnson to F. M. Compton, lot 29, W½ lots 7 and 8, block 10, SEX. Maryville; $1.00.

Thomas O'Brien to John O'Brien et al, 1-3 interest in N½ NE 34, 64, 34; 1-5 interest in N½ NW 34, W½ SE 27, 64, 34; $5966.66.

M. M. Ashford to A. M. Ashford, SW SE part SE SE 15, 65, 36; $4456.

W. B. Cobb to James A. King, part S½ SE and S½ SW 11, 66, 35; $14,500.

Robert C. Kelley to Church D. Wort, W½ SE 33, 67, 36; $10,000.

White Cloud Lodge No. 92 to Mrs. E. L. Stephenson, lot 5 block 9 1st Add Miriam cemetery; $60.

Chas. M. Atkinson to Fred Wright, lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 5, Huff's Add Quitman; $350.

Chas. D. Selecman to William F. Davis, S½ NE 23, 62, 35; $8,500.

W. G. Howard to Albert Logan, block 6 in 11 Add Skidmore; $600.

Albert Logan to W. G. Howard, pt block 2 9 Add Skidmore; $1700.

Bertha Bluel et al to Emma McCreary, part lot 1 block 21, Maryville; $800.

"Germany can be beaten; Germany must be beaten; Germany will be beaten." The author of this inspiring message is Gen. John J. Pershing.

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Fresh Cut Roses—

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"SEND FLOWERS," "Send Engelmann's Fresh Cut Flowers

The Engelmann Greenhouses

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Hosmer's Mid-Month Stock Sale

GRAY' PAVILION

Saturday, December 15th, 1917

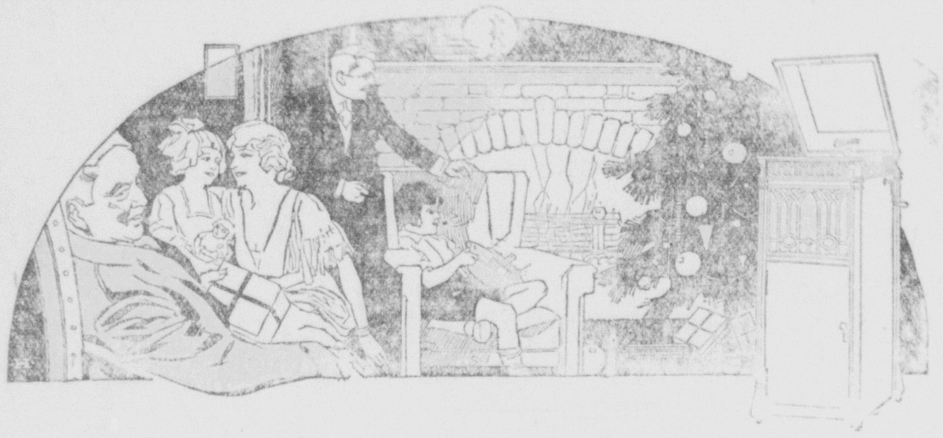
Starting at 1:30 prompt.

HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP—All kinds and classes.

SPECIAL NO. 1—30 HEAD OF GOOD NATIVE BREEDING EWES, bred for March lambs. 45 Head of EXTRA GOOD WESTERN BREEDING EWES, bred for March lambs. Listed by Isaac Coler. What do you want to sell? List it now.

R. P. HOSMER, *"The Auctioneer"*

P. S.—Furniture sale of Mr. Murdock at Arnett Decorating Co. rooms, north of Christian church at 3 o'clock, following monthly sale.



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Will you have an Edison Phonograph in your home for Christmas? You'll never have a happier Christmas than this one, if you decided to get an Edison and be able to hear the perfectly Re-Created voices of many of the world's famous artists in your home. Make this a lasting Christmas.

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Edwin Booth's Christmas Gift

"I REMEMBER a Christmas I spent in Edwin Booth's company many years ago," said the theatrical manager. "He had bought a summer residence at Cos Cob, Conn., the previous summer and invited me up to play Santa Claus and do the chimney act. His property was a fair-sized little promontory of land bounded on one side by the Connecticut river, on the other side by Long Island sound, and the New York and New Haven tracks formed the base line. If there is any road affected by tramps it is that same New Haven road, and when I arrived, two or three days before Christmas, there was a line of them waiting their turn at the gate that reminded me of a highly successful advance sale, one tramp near the gate even offering to sell his advanced position for 10 cents. Booth was much worried about the dangerous-looking fellows, and it struck me that a dog would be highly appropriate as a gift. I wired to a friend in New York, and the day before Christmas the biggest Siberian hound I ever saw was waiting at the little station for me. Booth was tickled to death, and we managed to chain that dog just inside the main gate near the lodge, and then we shook hands. It was an awful big dog, bigger than a little donkey that arrived on the next train with a gocart as a present for Booth's little daughter, Edwina.

"Well, we fixed up the presents that night. I dressed up in fur rugs and traps as Santa Claus and had arranged to drive the donkey into the reception room and distribute the gifts from the well-laden gocart.

"The dog was to remain in the little shed we had extemporized for him, but he didn't. He was there on business, and he attended to it promptly. The chain broke like a piece of twine, and I broke for the balcony, which I just managed to reach from the cart. Of course there was a racket, and I got into the window, and by the time we had armed ourselves with antique swords and a Revolutionary musket the noise had subsided sufficiently for us to venture forth.

"The dog was just seen in the moonlight disappearing over the stone wall, hundreds of dollars' worth of presents were scattered in the deep snow, and donkey meat and fur were an inch deep all over the premises."—Buffalo Express.

Christmas in Rome.

Christmas in Rome is a quiet and solemn affair, with religion featured in its observance. The observance begins the day of Christmas, when the image of the Christ Child is brought out, till Jan. 6, when it is again put in place. St. Peter's is brilliantly illuminated, with myriads of candle lights flickering their significant tribute to the central fact of the church's life. What appeals to Italian art lovers is the gift, which is as usual as the feast. Every child is presented with a plaster cast of the Nativity, and even in the phase of the holiday which is joyful and essentially "merry" the underlying sentiment is always conception of the manger and the birth. There are family reunions and social festivities, but always it is the religious feature which is most significant.—Century.

He's a Merry Old Soul.

Santa Claus is round and merry,
But who wouldn't be, I say.
With the children thinking of him
Half the night and all the day?
They in fancy see him coming,
Days and weeks before he's here,
Whistling to himself or humming
As he urges on his deer.

Are their thoughts and dreams not of him,
Both before he comes and after?
Don't they tell him how they love him,
Hailing him with song and laughter?
When he's loved by such a merry,
Cheery, charming throng as that,
'Tisn't strange that, like a cherry,
Santa Claus is fair and fat!

Founder of Osteopathy Dead.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 12.—Dr. Andrew Still, founder of the Missouri School of Osteopathy, died at his home here this morning. Dr. Still was ninety-four years of age.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Formed Literary Societies.

Two literary societies have been formed in the Skidmore schools in all the grades below the seventh. One is known as the Emerson society and the other is the Forum society. Officers of the Emerson society are: President, Anna Steph; vice-president, Pauline Manchester; secretary and treasurer, Harold Monk. In the Forum society the officers are: President, Eleanor Sewell; vice-president, Leon Bagby; secretary and treasurer, Vernon Barrett.

Rufus Holliday of Kansas City arrived in Maryville last night for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton. Holliday has just finished a course in the Rahe's Automobile school.

Earl Jester of Maitland was a Maryville visitor yesterday.

Mrs. A. O. Petty of Arkoe was shopping in Maryville yesterday.

Mrs. R. H. Smith of Quitman was brought to the St. Francis hospital this afternoon for treatment.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

The Store of Practical Christmas Gifts

FURS

Every woman who hasn't a set of furs, wants one—why not give her one of our beautiful sets this year?

BATH ROBES.

Never before have we shown such a handsome line of bath robes. Made of Beacon Blankets, Terry Cloth, Eiderdown, Corduroy, etc.

SWEATERS.

Are always useful and acceptable. All selling now at **10 per cent off.**

BEAUTIFUL UNDERWEAR

Made of all silk crepe de chine in white and flesh, such as gowns, combinations, teddy bears, corset covers and camisoles — these would make very acceptable gifts.
Priced at.....$1.19 to $5.00

SILK KIMONOS

Make a most welcome gift, especially when it's one as pretty as any of these we show in one piece, two piece. Some are accordion pleated, some are made plain and full.
Priced at.....$3.98 to $15.00

HAND BAGS

Give one of these beautiful hand bags, in leather, silk or silver mesh.
From.....48c to $7.00

TABLE LINENS

What is more acceptable to a housewife than pretty table linens? Beautiful damasks by the yard from **48c to $3.50.**
Napkins to match....$1.48 to $7.50

SILK PETTICOATS

Why not a silk petticoat at $2.98 to $7.50?

HANDKERCHIEFS

No one ever had quite enough handkerchiefs. If in doubt, give handkerchiefs. A gift that is useful and pleasing, from **5c to $1** each.
A large assortment of all silk crepe de chine handkerchiefs, each at 24c

SILK HOSIERY

Every woman loves to have plenty of silk hose. Phoenix pure silk hose, all colors, at.....90c and $1.25
Other well known makes of silk hose at.....65c to $2.00

WHITE IVORY

These beautiful white ivory toilet articles make very acceptable gifts—see our large collection to select from at money saving prices.

KID GLOVES

Any woman would appreciate a pair of our well known kid gloves at **$2.00, $2.40 and $3.00 a pair.**

SUITS

Give her one of our pretty suits, now all selling at exactly **one-half price.**

CLOAKS

Any woman or girl would be glad to get one of our beautiful cloaks; all are selling now at **Greatly Reduced prices.**

CAP AND SCARF SETS

These are useful and serviceable gifts—see our large assortment of styles and colors, at per set,
from.....$1.19 to $3.48

Haines

The Only Spot Cash and One Price Dry Goods Store in Nodaway County

FORMER OLD RESIDENT DEAD

Samuel L. Cady, Remembered by Many Here, Dies at His Home at West Plains, Mo.

Samuel L. Cady, a resident of Nodaway county some twenty years ago, and known to many of the older residents, died at his home at West Plains, Mo., on November 15. The following is from the West Plains Journal:

Samuel M. Cady died at his home in the southeast suburbs at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning, November 15, from afflictions incident to old age. He has not been in robust health for a year, and since the death of his wife last spring he has been steadily declining.

He was born in the city of Chicago, April 13, 1834, and moved with his parents to Wisconsin where they resided some years before coming to Missouri. They first located in Nodaway county, and came to West Plains in 1896.

Mr. Cady came of a family noted for its longevity, his mother, Rachel M. Cady, living to be within a few days of 86. When Mr. Cady's parents moved from New York they stopped at what is now Chicago and his father after looking over the place is said to have remarked, "There is nothing about Chicago I would take as a gift," and the family shortly afterwards moved on to what is now Joliet, Ill., where they resided until attracted to the new country in Wisconsin.

He married Mary A. Barter in 1879 at Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and was engaged in farming and stock raising until a few years ago. He is survived by three sons, Ferry Cady of West Plains, Theodore Cady, a banker of Kansas City, and Charles Cady of Harrisburg, Ark.

Former Resident Ill.

Burt M. Rowley received word this morning from Frank Rowley of Los Angeles, Calif., that E. A. Rowley of that city is seriously ill and the chances of his recovery are slim. Mr. Rowley is one of th epioneer residents of this city.

Mrs. Lloyd Martin and Mrs. Arch Willhoyte went to St. Joseph today on business.

"IT CHEERS A FELLOW UP"

Cecil D. Hyde, at Camp Funston, Appreciates Articles That Have Been Sent by Friends

Cecil D. Hyde, Co. B, 356 Inft., Camp Funston, writes to the Democrat-Forum as follows:

Camp Funston,
Dec. 8, 1917.

To the Democrat-Forum—

I was just sitting here thinking about the past and future and decided I would write you a letter and let you know how the boys here are making it.

We are all feeling fine with the exception of one or two who are in the base hospital at Fort Riley.

We are doing fine down here during the cold weather, but it is rather chilly in the morning when we first roll out. We sleep with all the upper windows open every night.

We have been on the rifle range most of the time the past week and the boys all did some good shooting. It is not hard to tell the farmer boys from the others; they can't do as much hard work and stand the long hikes as well as the one who always did such work.

We have a fine bunch of officers, and they are all from Missouri, I think. Our captain is, and he is sure a fine fellow.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the ladies and my friends for the things they have sent to me. They sure do cheer a fellow up and make him think of his old friends. I am sure all of the boys here will join me in this, because everyone here is glad to get a box from home or from friends.

Well, it is getting about time to roll in the hay, so I will close. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am as ever,

Your friend
CECIL D. HYDE.

Co. B, 356th Inft.,Camp Funston.

Toels Leave for Home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Toel and sons, Lieutenant George Lorance and Henry Toel, who have been visiting relatives in Mrayville, left yesterday for their home in St. Joseph. Lieutenant Toel will leave tomorrow for Hoboken, N. J., where he reports for duty.

CREEL COMMITTEE'S EXPENSES.

"Publicity and Censorship" Has Cost $1,350,000 Since Entering War.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 12. — Up to the present time the committee on public information, popularly known as the Creel committee, has had allotted to it for expenses for "publicity and censorship" $1,350,000, became known today when President Wilson submitted a memorandum showing how the $100,000,000 placed at his disposal for war purposes had been spent.

White Cloud Items.

This extreme cold weather came before most of the farmers were ready for it. A number have from two to five hundred bushels of corn yet in the field, and some more than that.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ringgold's baby was taken suddenly ill Friday morning but is reported better.

Mrs. Ira Ringgold entertained the W. C. S. N. at an all day meeting last Thursday. A comfort top was pieced and a comfort tacked. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Ringgold's fine dinner were: Mrs. Ernest Shull and baby, Mrs. Roy Ringgold and baby, Mrs. Nelson Adkins, Mrs. Ol Coleman, Mrs. Will Boyd, Mrs. Lloyd Burch, Mrs. Nick Thull, Mrs. Frank Davis, Mildred, Howard and Denzel Burch, Harold Davis, and Olive Boyd. Mrs. Lester Ringgold was a guest.

There was a box supper at the school house Friday night. Notwithstanding the extreme cold a good crowd was present and the proceeds amounted to something over $21.00. Miss Roxie Chambers was voted the most popular young lady and received the box of candy. An enjoyable program was rendered.

Martial Law if Strike is Called.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

St. Paul, Dec. 12.—Martial law will be declared in both St. Paul and Minneapolis if the strike of 40,000 union men in sympathy with the street car men is carried out tomorrow.

Get a good chicken dinner for 35c at the Baptist church Thursday noon.

Dewey Saunders and Ora Brunson spent Sunday in Omaha.

BRYAN SELLS COMING BACK

But Not Until the War is Over—He Will Have Plenty of Money When He Comes, He Writes

Private Bryan Sells, with the American expeditionary forces somewhere in France, believes he is going to get back to the United States safely after the war and in the following letter to his mother, Mrs. W. J. Sells of Maryville, he tells how he expects to return. He writes:

Somewhere in France, Nov. 11.

Dear Mother and All. I will drop you a line to let you know that I am all right and hope you are the same. How is little Wid? Does he keep well and go to school? Keep him right there, for that is the best thing for him. Even in the army, if I had a good education, I could make something of myself, but it was not your fault. It was all my own.

This is sure a rainy place. Just like old Missouri; when it starts it don't know when to stop. They tell me I am to be made a first class private. It will be a good thing if I am, for it will make me three dollars more a month. Mother, dear, I will have some kale if I ever get back alive, and if I don't you will have some, for I bought three Liberty bonds, and at four per cent, too; that sure was a good idea. Then I took a thousand dollars insurance. I had to take out the insurance, and it is in your name; and I am also thinking of coming back, and when I hit old Broadway in New York city, believe muh, I will hit for the Grand Central station and catch a Wabash midwest, limited for St. Louis, and then for that old home town of mine.

But, mother, please send me some cigarettes and chewing; that is what I am in need of most. I will close for this time. Goodbye, and God bless you, mother dear, sis and little brother and little Wid.

PRIVATE BRYAN SELLS.

THE EASTERN STAR ELECTS

Mrs. Elizabeth Melvin Was Named Worthy Matron of the Chapter for the Coming Year

The Eastern Star chapter met last night and held their annual election of officers. Those elected to office were: Worthy matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Melvin; worthy patron, U. S. Wright; associate matron, Mrs. Laura Gilbert; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie McCoppin; secretary, Mrs. Nellie Belle Frost; conductress, Mrs. Alpha Bishop; associate conductress, Mrs. Minnie Price; chaplain, Mrs. Rose Anna Stauble; marshal, Mrs. Alice McNeal; organist, Mrs. Allie Colvin; Ada, Mrs. Ida Smith; Ruth, Mrs. Dora Vert; Esther, Mrs. Elfreida Tulloch; Martha, Mrs. Minnie Hopper; Electa, Mrs. Nannie Craven; warder, Mrs. Myrtle Wright; sentinel, Frank Martin.

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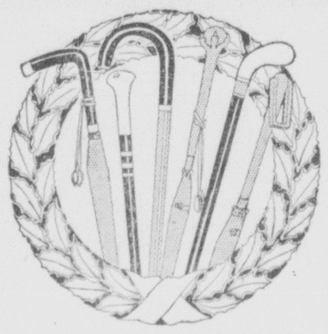

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Suitable for Ladies
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Suitable for Gentlemen

We Have Them

You will find here Umbrellas with solid gold handles—Sterling silver handles—Gold filled handles—Plain wood handles—full silk tops and silk and linen tops.

Umbrellas with removable handles and folding tops. These fold up so compactly that they can be put into a suit case. Just the present for that man of yours.

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MARYVILLE, MO.

SHOPPING EARLIER

AND MARYVILLE WOMEN ARE BUYING PRACTICAL GIFTS

"BUSINESS AS USUAL"

War Has Made No Difference in Local Stores — Plenty of Work for All Who Want to be Employed

"Do your Christmas shopping early" is more than a slogan this year; it is a reality. The war department has ruled that all gifts for soldiers in camp must be mailed by December 15.

Maryville is doing her shopping about fifteen days earlier this year than she did last year, according to Maryville merchants. One merchant said that he had more business than his help could handle and that he was putting on new help every day.

When asked if the people were buying as many frivolous articles this year as they have in the past he replied that he had noticed an inclination on the part of the women to buy articles that are practical. However, this will not make much difference in the amount of money spent, although they are buying practical articles they will continue to spend as much money as in past years.

One merchant said he has sold more lace, ribbons, thread and yarn so far this year than he had in previous years. The women appear to be making presents.

Much khaki linen, khaki thread and large military buttons are being sold, and of course all these articles are going to be made into presents for the boys. It is not a good idea to burden the boys in camp with handsome Christmas cards costing 15 to 25 cents. With that 15 or 25 cents a person could buy a cake or two of soap, stamped handkerchiefs or candy and gum. The boys will appreciate these little gifts.

If the war has created a tendency to hurt business this year, the Maryville stores have not felt it as yet. Every merchant you may speak to appears well satisfied with business, "and why shouldn't people buy as many clothes this year as in the past?" one merchant remarked. "If they send their old clothes to the poor people in France and Belgium they will be doing as much good in conserving. If people do not continue to buy as much now as they did in the past many people would be without work. What would I do with the persons I employ if business were not good? No, the war has not hurt my business. I see very little difference in the shopping being done this year and the shopping of last year; only perhaps women are doing their shopping earlier."

Save Coal

Be as economical as possible with your heat. We do not mean by this that you should suffer with the cold, but watch your thermometer and if your place is plenty warm shut the main valve for a time.

Also, if the weather is warmer than ten above zero, turn off your main valve at night, as this is an economy. When cooler than ten above zero it is better to leave on at least some steam according to the degree of cold as it would take more heat (coal) to bring the temperature up the next morning than to keep it up during the night.

Do not think that it does not take any coal for us to furnish the heat in the mains. Whenever the weather is cold our exhaust steam is not nearly sufficient and we must burn large quantities of coal to keep up the pressure. It is only during the fall and spring mild weather and for a few hours during our heavy load at night that 'live steam'' is not necessary.

You can help. Coal is scarcer than you even imagine and it takes our utmost efforts and vigilance to keep up our supply.

Maryville Electric Light and Power Company
Empire Theatre Building
Maryville, Mo.

Some Very Old Yuletide Celebrations

IT is certain that very early in the Christian era Christmas was celebrated in Britain, mingling in its festivities some of the winter festival customs of the ancient Britons and the Roman invaders, for traces of those celebrations are still seen in some of the Christmas customs of modern times.

The ancient Goths and Saxons called their festival Yule. Throughout the middle ages and down to the Reformation the festival of Christmas engrafted on the pagan rites of Yule continued throughout Christendom to be universally celebrated with every mark of rejoicing. On the adoption of a new system of faith by most of the northern nations of Europe in the sixteenth century the Lutheran and Angelican churches retained the celebration of Christmas and other festivals, which Calvinists rejected absolutely, denouncing the observance of all such days, except Sunday, as superstitious and unscriptural.

During the reign of Alfred the Great a law was passed in relation to holidays, by virtue of which the twelve days after the Nativity of our Savior were set apart for the celebration of the Christmas festival. Some writers are of the opinion that but for Alfred's strict observance of the "full twelve holy days" he would not have been defeated by the Danes in 878, for it is charged that his enjoyment of the festivities of Christmas hindered him from preparation for the battle.

We find that in 961 King Edgar celebrated the Christmas festival with great splendor at York, and in 1013 Ethelred kept his Christmas, with the brave citizens of London who had defended the capital, with a siege and stoutly resisted Swegen, the tyrant king of the Danes.

Edward the Confessor, it is noted, celebrated the first Christmas festival of his coronation with great rejoicing, and in 1066 on Christmas day William the Conqueror was crowned king of England at Westminster. The Norman kings and nobles who now became rulers of England displayed their taste for magnificence in the most remarkable manner at their coronations, tournaments and their celebrations of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

At the Christmas feast minstrels played on various musical instruments during dinner and sang or told tales afterward both in the hall and in the chamber to which the king and his nobles retired for amusement. Thus it is written of a court minstrel:

> Before the king he set him down
> And took his harp of merry sound;
> And, as he full well can,
> Many merry notes he began.

In 1067 the Conqueror kept a grand Christmas in London, having invited a number of the Saxon chiefs to participate, and also caused a proclamation to be read in all the churches declaring it to be his will that "all the citizens of London should enjoy their national laws as in the days of King Edward."

> In the hall the serf and vassal
> Held that night their Christmas wassail;
> Many a carol, old and saintly,
> Sang the minstrels and the waits.
> —Philadelphia Press.

Her Little Prayer.

A little girl of a big eastern city was visiting her grandmother on Thanksgiving day. Already the child had begun to speculate on what Santa Claus was to bring her at Christmas time, and, as children—especially girls—will do when they are at the home of an indulgent friend, she began to rummage through closets and drawers.

In the course of her investigation she came upon a brand new white muff. It was the very thing she had wanted, and she knew that Santa Claus' chief purchasing agent—grandma—had obtained it for her.

Taxed with it, grandma admitted the truth.

"But," she said, "you must forget all about it until Christmas day."

That night as she was being put to bed the child astonished her mother by adding this to her evening prayer:

"Please, God, make me forget all about the little white muff Santa Claus is to bring."—New York Times.

Joins Quartermaster's Corps.

Word has been received here by Mrs. Cora E. Fowler that her son, Lafayette Dawson Fowler of Kansas City, grandson of the late Judge Lafayette Dawson, has enlisted in the quartermaster's corps of the United States army.

John Zook, who is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., arrived in Skidmore today to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Zook.

Society and Clubland

BY MISS LUTA MOODY
Hanamo 42. Farmers 114

Will Have Bazaar.

The members of the Arkoe Methodist church will hold a bazaar next Saturday afternoon and night at the church parlors. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

Tuesday Bridge Club.

Only the members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club attended the meeting held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. L. Beattie. The prize went to Mrs. George B. Baker.

Will Elect Officers.

Alert Rebekah lodge will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Election of officers. Each member should be there, as this means much to you.

NETTIE WARREN, Secy.

Held Meeting at the Church.

The Ladies Aid Society of the South Methodist church met at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the church parlors. A devotional and business meeting was held. Mrs. M. E. Farrar led the devotional services. Only about ten members attended the meeting.

Jolly Farmers Meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland M. Evans entertained the members of the Jolly Farmers Club and a few visitors of White Cloud Friday night at their home south of Maryville. Sixty guests were invited. A literary entertainment of humorous recitations, songs and select readings furnished amusement for the evening. The White Cloud quartette gave several musical selections and all joined in the community singing of the national songs with the victrola music. During recess refreshments were served, after which the debate was opened. Having a very amusing local question of discussion, it was quite interesting and enjoyable. The program was highly enjoyed by all present.

Merry Mingler Club.

The Merry Mingler Club met with Mrs. T. F. Tallon on Thursday afternoon, December 6. The afternoon was spent in needlework, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Tallon, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Johnston and Miss Mina Armstrong. Next meeting will be with Mrs. William Trullinger, December 20. The members are all requested to be present as it will be election of officers for the coming year. Those present were Mrs. J. B. Johnston, Mrs. William Marsh, Mrs. G. A. Fite, Mrs. James Lacy, Mrs. O. P. Fisher, Mrs. H. J. Lind, Mrs. T. T. Dickerson, Mrs. Henry Smock, Misses Nettie Smock, Agatha Henggler, and Mina Armstrong. Guests of the club were: Miss Lottie Childress, James Lacy and Russell Smock.

In Honor of Second Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. James and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Claypool will entertain at 7 o'clock dinner tonight at the James home on East Park Avenue in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Marve Curnutt, who are eclebrating their second wedding anniversary. A bouquet of pink rosebuds will center the table, while dainty nut-basket place cards in the blue bird design will be used. About ten guests will be entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Noakes Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Noakes entertained at 12 o'clock dinner Sunday at their home northwest of Maryville. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. John White, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Knabb, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Trullinger, Mrs. Frank Hall and daughters, Wilma and Vivian, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Trullinger.

Made Money for Y. M. C. A.

Mary Lawrence Circle met last night at the home of Miss Gertrude Wright on South Main street. Miss Addie Hunter was the leader. A short and interesting program was given. Miss Grace Langan read a paper on "The European Immigrant" and Miss Gertrude Condon gave the Bible study. Miss Thella Hogue gave a Christmas story in the form of a reading. Following the program was a white elephant sale. Miss Grace Langan acted as auctioneer. The proceeds from the sale will go to the Y. M. C. A. war fund. Twelve members attended the meeting.

Hold Business Meeting.

About twenty attended a business meeting of the Epworth League of the First Methodist church, which was held last night at the home of E. J. and Miss May Howland. Plans for a skating party were completed. Games and music made pleasant the social hour. Light refreshments were served by the host and hostess, assisted by Miss Vada Foland.

Alderman-Yehle Dry Goods Co.
WEST THIRD STREET, MARYVILLE, MO.

The Store of The Christmas Spirit

Practical Gifts

START Your Christmas Shopping now. You surely are not going to allow the wholesome spirit of Christmas to be submerged by the gloom of parsimony or pessimism. By all means help to keep up the true spirit of Christmas which should abound in this Great Nation. Well, anyway Christmas is coming—and unless you shop early you will be disappointed.

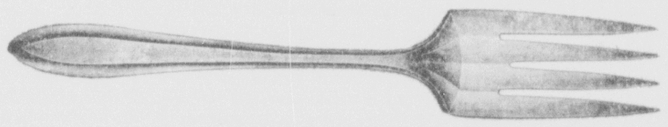
Select practical gifts that will be useful and appreciated. This store is a vast bazaar of practical gift things. Note this list of practical gifts from the center aisle.

Cut Glass

Our stock of Cut Glass offers a wonderful variety of selection. And who would not appreciate a gift of cut glass?

Cut glass bud vases	50c, 69c, 75c
Individual Salts	25c
Tooth pick holders	25c
Salt and pepper sets	25c and 50c
Cut glass nut sets	$2.50
Creamer and sugar sets	$1.50 to $6
Stem water glasses, set of 6	$2.50
Mayonnaise jars	$3.00 and $3.50
Sherbet glasses, set of six	$2.25
Cut glass bowls, each	$2.25 to $4.00
Celery trays	$3.00 to $6.50
Cut glass comports, each	$2 to $5
Cut glass vases	$1.00 to $5.00
Baskets	$2.00 to $5.00
Ice tea glasses, set of six	$2.50
Water glasses, set of six	$2.50 to $4
Perfume bottles	$4.00 to $5.00
Puff boxes	$2.50 to $4.00
Candle sticks, pair	$1.00 to $5.00
Candelabra	$10.00
Cut glass electric lamps	$10 to $12.50
Sandwich trays	$2.50 to $3.00

Community Silverware



Real Christmas spirit is shown in giving Community Silverware. This famous plate silverware has been tested and proven to be one of the best on the market. The notable series of designs have become very popular throughout the country and we have on display large assortments of the Patrician, Georgian, Sheraton, Louis XVI., Exeter, La Rose, Vernon, Primrose, Monroe and Bridal Wreath patterns.

	Community Plate 50 yr. Guarantee	Reliance Plate 25 yr. Guarantee	Par Plate 10 yr. Guarantee
Hollow handle knife, set of six	$7.75	$6.00	
Hollow handle fruit knives, set of six	$7.25	$5.50	
Modeled handle knives, set of six	$5.00	$2.75	$2.75
Modeled handle forks, set of six	$6.00	$3.00	$2.00
Salad forks, set of six	$5.50	$3.60	$2.50
Cold meat forks, each	$1.75	$1.00	$ .75
Table spoons, set of six	$6.00	$3.50	$2.25
Tea Spoons, set of six	$3.00	$1.75	$1.25
Dessert Spoons	$5.50		$2.00
Bouillon Spoons, set of six	$5.25	$3.00	$2.25
Berry Spoons, each	$2.50	$1.50	$1.25
Sugar Shells, each	$1.00	.75	.50
Cream Ladles, each	$1.50	$1.00	.75
Gravy Ladles, each	$2.00	$1.40	$1.00
Soup Ladles, each	$3.50	$2.25	$1.50

And Many Other Items in Proportion.

White Ivory

Get some white Ivory for Mother, Wife, Sister or Sweetheart. Most of the girls and women are collecting sets of white ivory and would appreciate some of the various pieces to match their set. Here is a partial list of the items here assembled:

DUBARRY—

Hair brushes, each	$2.50 to $5.00
Hand mirrors	$3.00 to $7.50
Military brushes per pair	$4 to $5
Cloth brushes, each	$1.50 to $4.00
Puff boxes and Hair Receivers, each	$1.25 to $2.75
Soap boxes	25c to 50c
Dressing combs	25c to $1.50
Nail buffers	50c and $1.75
Ivory trays, each	25c to $4.00
Mantle clocks	$1.25 to $7.50
Jewel boxes	75c to $5.00
Candle sticks	50c to 75c
Napkin rings, each	25c
Picture frames	25c to $1.50

SPECIAL FUR SALE

By special arrangements with some of the largest Eastern fur manufacturers, we had sent to us for this week's special sale a very extensive assortment of the latest creations in fur coats, fur sets, muffs and scarfs. This gives you a much larger variety to choose from than we could possibly carry in stock.

SALE CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT—SEE WINDOW DISPLAY

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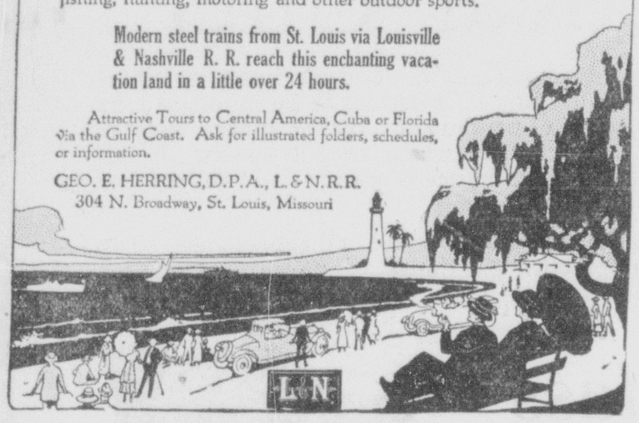


BOYS MUST EARN FURLOUGHS

A Tenth of the Soldiers at Camp Funston Will be Permitted to Go Home for Christmas Holidays

Camp Funston, Dec. 12. — Three things are necessary for a soldier to get a Christmas furlough—that he was not at home Thanksgiving, that his behavior record is perfect, and that he can pay his own railroad fare. Ten per cent of each unit will be given passes home, leave beginning at noon, December 22, and ending at noon, December 26.

With the application for leave of absence, the soldier must file a round trip ticket, a regulation adopted by the division commander so that the government will not have to gather up stranded soldiers. After the passes are issued for Christmas and New Year's day, those with good records who have not been given leave of absence for one of the holidays will be given a short time to visit at home.

TWO MILLION ARE UNDER ARMS

And the Second Draft Call Will Increase the Number of Americans Half a Million More

Today there are more than 2,000,000 men under arms under the Stars and Stripes to give an account of themselves when they go to the trenches in the war zone.

The exact figures are 1,735,820 for the army and 271,571 for the navy, a grand total of 2,007,391 men. The shortly expected call for a second draft will increase the figures by probably 500,000—a grand army of more than 2,500,000 men for America's shock against the German front.

Official figures show:

Army, including officers and men: National army, 616,820; national guard, 469,000; regular army, 370,000; special branches, 200,000; reserves, 80,000; total, 1,735,820.

Navy:

Officers, 15,200; enlisted men, 147,871; naval reserves, 50,000; naval militia, 15,000; marine corps, 32,000; coast guard, 5,000; hospital corps, 6,500; total, 271,571.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

BAD BREATH

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets Get at the Cause and Remove It

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel, act gently on the bowels and positively do the work.

People afflicted with bad breath find quick relief through Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. The pleasant, sugar-coated tablets are taken for bad breath by all who know them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets act gently but firmly on the bowels and liver, stimulating them to natural action, clearing the blood and gently purifying the entire system. They do that which dangerous calomel does without any of the bad after effects.

All the benefits of nasty, sickening, griping cathartics are derived from Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets without griping, pain or any disagreeable effects.

Dr. F. M. Edwards discovered the formula after seventeen years of practice among patients afflicted with bowel and liver complaint, with the attendant bad breath.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are purely a vegetable compound mixed with olive oil; you will know them by their olive color. Take one or two every night for a week and note the effect. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

SAY STOP

LOOK LISTEN at BECKER'S BARGAINS

On and After December 10 Our Prices as Follows

Men's suits, cleaned and pressed.....$1.00
Ladies' suits, cleaned and pressed (plain).....$1.00
Men's suits sponged and pressed.....50c
Ladies' suits, sponged and pressed (plain).....50c

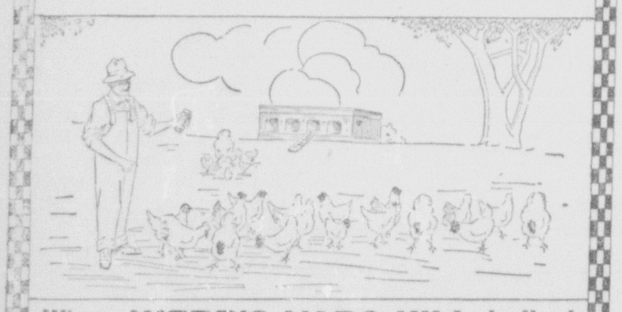
Repairing done by experienced tailors only.

We are no farther away from you than your telephone—402. Ladies' Tailoring in Connection.

BECKER CLEANING COMPANY

A trial will speak for itself.

Lice and Mites are Unknown



Where WEBB'S VAPO-KILL is Used

Vapo means Vapors. Kill means to Kill. Consequently, VAPO-KILL does just what it means. Exterminates all Insect Life, such as Lice, Mites, Etc. A few drops in Nests and on Floors of Poultry House, and then spray as directed. Concentrated, can be diluted.

50c. BOTTLE MAKES 1 GALLON. $1.00 BOTTLE MAKES 3 GALLONS.

Easiest to Use. Cheapest to Buy. We Guarantee Results.

- FOR SALE BY -

PEARSON PHARMACY

MANUFACTURED BY THE WEBB CHEMICAL CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

OH PERCY, LISTEN TO THIS

Fancy Styles, Even in Men's Suits, Must Say Farewell Soon — Uncle Sam Makes a Request

Yes, 'tis sad, but true. Tom, Dick and Harry will not be able to show off their novelty belts, patch pockets or plaited back suits and overcoats.

The government has issued a request to manufacturers asking that they provide styles which will save materials. A tight fitting suit and a single breasted overcoat will do more toward distinguishing the patriot from the slacker than a suit adhering to the military style with its patch pockets, belts and trench overcoat embracing undue fullness.

Local dealers in men's clothing have learned that the government agents are invoicing stocks of clothing and listing the number of suits having patch pockets, belts and other attachments requiring superfluous yardage. No invoices have been made in Maryville.

It is estimated by eliminating the vagaries of the present styles 10 per cent can be saved in overcoats and from 3 to 4 per cent in suits. That is, if one hundred overcoats could be made from a certain amount of material by eliminating belts, the double breast effect and the plaited backs, 110 overcoats could be made from the same amount of material. The military style craze calls for additional labor and materials.

The belief is expressed by clothing men that there will be plenty of clothing and materials to buy, but the value will have been greatly increased, perhaps 25 to 30 per cent. A suit formerly costing $25 and selling at that price, in another year will be still selling at $25, but the value will be about that of a $20 suit now.

Previous to the war the United States was forced to compete with the foreign markets with regard to price and material in men's clothing. The war has removed the possibility of competition from the path of the American manufacturer for many years.

WARNING TO HELMET KNITTERS

Be Sure Pattern is Such That Garment Will Not Interfere With Gas Masks

Camp Funston, Dec. 12. — Thousands of fond mothers, sisters, sweethearts and other patriotic women throughout the country who are "doing their bit" by knitting helmets for the boys "over there" are urged to be more careful in their work or they unconsciously will be doing something that may cost the lives of American soldier boys.

Their patterns should be such that they will not interfere with the wearing of gas masks. Officials here say that many of the helmets are knitted too far over the face, interfering with the gas masks.

What is Auto-Intoxication?

(By V. M. Pierce, M. D.)

When poisons accumulate in the intestines, and are sent thru the channels of the blood because of the stagnation of this part of the body, it is what we call auto-intoxication. It usually precedes any sickness, and you will escape about nine-tenths of the ills of humanity if you keep the bowels open. Eat coarse foods. Use plenty of olive oil in potato or other salads—with onions. The reason the people of sunny Italy are healthy, notwithstanding unsanitary conditions, is the use of plenty of olive oil and garlic.

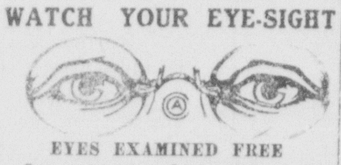
Castor oil is good for children or adults, and especially good for aged people. A pleasant form of a vegetable laxative that is to be had at any drug store, was invented by Dr. Pierce, who put together May apple, (podophyllin), aloes, jalap. Ask at almost any drug store for "Pleasant Pellets" and they can be had for little money. They contain no calomel and are of vegetable constituents, therefore harmless.

MISSOURI FOLKS

St. Louis, Mo.—"My husband suffered with severe backaches and would be very restless all night long. He became irritable and looked very ill. Just a few days after he started to take Dr. Pierce's Anuric I noticed a marked improvement and he has not complained of any aches since."—Mrs. Estell Wells, 2904 N. 12th Street.

Kansas City, Mo.—"I have been greatly benefited by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets which I have taken for several years for a sluggish liver and sick headache. I never took one of the Pellets without receiving just the desired relief. They are not only the most effective medicine of the kind but also the mildest."—Mrs. Anna Colf, 3021 E. 19th St.

WATCH YOUR EYE-SIGHT



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Our expert graduate Optometrist will diagnose your eye troubles and tell you what you need. The service is free at

KUCHS BROTHERS
222 N. Main Street

MISSOURI ALWAYS MAKES GOOD

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30, 1917.

D. D. Walker, Jr., Chairman Citizens' Navy Recruiting Committee, Calumet Building, St. Louis, Mo.

As Missouri and Missourians have been doing their full share in all matters pertaining to the war, I hope the young men of the state will respond promptly and adequately to your call for naval recruits. Our Navy has been one of the chief glories of the Republic from the day of John Paul Jones to the present hour, and constitutes an arm of the service of which all good and true Americans are proud. I hope, therefore, that you will easily secure the 1,200 Missourians asked for, as it is the duty and should be the pleasure of all of us to give to the country our full measure of patriotic service in this crisis of our fate.

CHAMP CLARK.

NAVY'S BIG JOB DEPENDS ON ENLISTMENT CAMPAIGN

What America Must Do to Protect Soldiers in France and How It Can Be Done.

The continuing arrival of units of the American army in France emphasizes the growing need for shipping to supply these with food, ammunition and army necessities. It is estimated that it is necessary to deliver in France, daily, approximately 100 pounds of freight per man, inclusive of every needful equipment. An army of 1,000,000 men would thus require the delivery of 50,000 tons of freight every day, and, averaging 4,000 tons to the ship, the arrival of 12 to 14 ships daily, if each cargo could be handled in one day. It is estimated that approximately 700 ships would be needed to guarantee the arrival of the necessary supplies daily for an American army of 1,000,000 men in France. Considering the submarine and the usual hazards of the sea, probably even a greater number of ships than 700 would be needed.

At this time the government has requisitioned 403 vessels of about 2,000,000 tons. The total number of steel vessels under construction is 225, with a tonnage of 1,563,800; the total American overseas tonnage is now about 2,400,000, to which has been added 700,000 tons of German and Austrian shipping. By the time the American army in France reaches 1,000,000 men the government hopes to have 1,000 vessels in commission. By January of next year the number should reach 1,200, with a tonnage of 6,000,000, inclusive of 411 wooden vessels.

The estimates of the government, however, presuppose uninterrupted industry in the shipyards. Once the American army is in France, its needs cannot be met by a paper fleet. The government can take no chances on interruptions. The vessels must be ready at the appointed time, and President Wilson has given the country the assurance that nothing will be permitted to stand in the way of it.

Mr. Patriotic American Man, what are YOU going to do about it? It is up to YOU to help make the President's assurances good. The navy can protect this shipping if it gets the 80,000 men it must have now. Unless YOU and others like you respond AT ONCE, YOUR descendents and the posterity of freemen everywhere in the world will lament for generations to come the indifference which failed to seize victory when it was so closely in our grasp.

RISING FROM THE RANKS

How Enlisted Men in Navy Earn Chances for Commissions.

In no other navy is it so possible to rise from the ranks to the highest offices as it is in the American navy. There are several avenues open to promotion to commission.

A boatswain, gunner or machinist, or a chief boatswain, chief gunner or chief machinist, who has been in his grade four years and is under 35 years of age, may enter the examination for appointment as ensign; this examination is held every year, appointments being limited to 12 annually. A man who wins a commission in this manner is entitled to the same pay, privileges, honors and opportunities for further advancement as are open for officers who are graduates of the Naval Academy.

Clothing Our Bluejackets.

Clothing the greater navy has been no small undertaking. More than 100,000 men have been enlisted in the regular navy and naval reserves since war was declared, and to outfit these men the following was required: Overshirts, 200,000; dress jumpers, 100,000; blue trousers, 200,000; overcoats, 100,000; blue caps, 100,000; white hats, 200,000; white undress jumpers, 300,000; white trousers, 400,000; drawers, nainsook, 200,000; drawers, heavy, 200,000; undershirts, heavy, 200,000; undershirts, light, 200,000; jerseys, 100,000; watch caps, 100,000; leggings, 100,000 pairs; neckerchiefs, 100,000; gloves, 100,000 pairs; socks, 400,000 pairs; shoes, 200,000 pairs; mattresses, 100,000; mattress covers, 100,000; blankets, 200,000; towels, 200,000.

PUDDLES, A CAT FISHERMAN

Emulated Skill of His Master, and Enjoyed Diving in and Fetching Out the Dogfish.

The English naturalist, Francis Buckland, once told a story of a fisherman of Portsmouth, England, whose cat, Puddles, emulated in his peculiar way the fishing skill of his master. Quoting the fisherman, Mr. Buckland said:

He was the wonderfullest water cat as ever come out of Portsmouth harbor, was Puddles. He used to go out a-fishin' with me every night. Cold nights he would sit in my lap while I was a-fishin' and poke his head out every now and then, or else I would wrap him up in the sail and make him lie quiet. He'd lay down on me when I was asleep, and if anyone come he'd swear a good one, and have the face off 'em if they went to touch me. And he'd never touch a fish, not even a little teeny pout, if I didn't give it to him. I was obligated to take him out a-fishin', or else he'd stand and yowl and marr till I went back and catched him by the poll and shied him into the boat, and then he was quite happy.

When it was fine he used to stick up at the bow of the boat and sit a-watchin' the dogfish. They used to come alongside by the thousands at a time, and when they was thick all about he'd dive in and fetch 'em out, jammed in his mouth, just as if they was a parcel of rats. He looked terrible wild about the head when he come up out of the water with the fish in his teeth.

I larnt him the water myself. One day, when he was a kitten, I took him down to the sea to wash him and brush the fleas out of him, and in a week he could swim after a feather or a cork.—Youth's Companion.

GAMES OF SIAMESE KIDDIES

Girls Play Keeping House, With Dried Clay Dollies—Boys Jump Rope and Roll Marbles.

When the Siamese folks get up in the morning they do not go to the washstand to wash their faces, for the simple reason that Siamese houses can boast no such article of furniture, says an exchange.

So our little Siamese friend just runs down to the foot of the ladder—for the house is built on posts—to a 'arge jar of water with a coconut shell dipper. There she washes her face by throwing the water over her hands and rubbing them over her face. She needs no towel, for the water is left to dry. She does not brush her teeth, for they are stained black by chewing the betel nut. Her hair does not require combing, either, for it is all shaved except a little tuft on the top of the head, and that is tied in a little knot and not very often combed.

After breakfast is over, the children go off and find some pleasant place in which to play. The girls play at keeping house and make dishes of clay dried in the sun. Little images of clay washed with lime are their only dolls.

The boys of Siam are very fond of pitching coins, and spend much of their time in this game. They play leapfrog and very often jump the rope. Now that so many foreigners are in Siam, they have learned to play marbles, too.

As the streets in Siam are almost all rivers and canals, the Siamese boys and girls early learn to row, and paddle their little boats almost as soon as they learn to swim, which they do when they are only four or five years old.

Old Lady's Find.

Breathless with excitement during the cold weather, the old lady appeared at the window of the lost property office.

"I found something in the train," she said.

"What is it, ma'am?" inquired the clerk.

"I don't know; it's a box with handles at each end. It may be a bomb, an infernal machine. Fetch a policeman."

"Let me see it, ma'am," asked the clerk.

"Certainly not; it may be a jewel-case. It is made of metal and it's very heavy. Send for the stationmaster," she said.

"Won't you let me see it?"

"No, I will not. Trying to cheat an old woman out of her reward. Send for the stationmaster and a policeman."

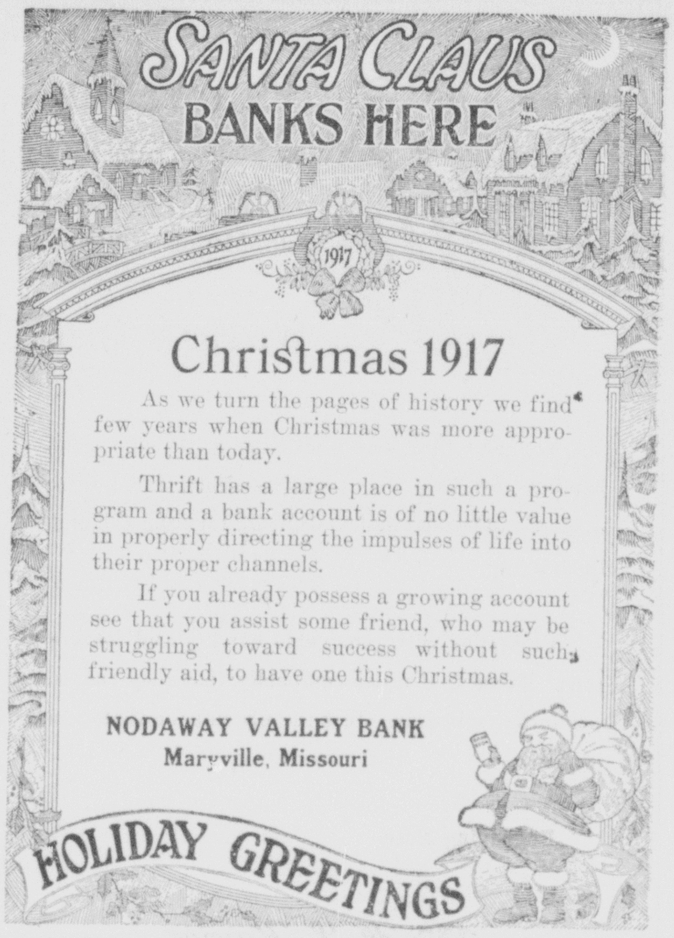
These two worthies having arrived, the old lady showed her find to the expectant crowd.

"Now," she said, "what is it?"

"That!" roared the stationmaster. "That thing? Why, it's a foot-warmer."

Naming Alaska.

The name Alaska is an English corruption of perversion of Alayeksa, as it was called by the aboriginal inhabitants of the Aleutian islands, lying to the westward, observes a geographical magazine. When the Russians first came to one of the Aleutian islands, they were told that a vast country lay to the eastward, and that its name was Alayeksa. The Aleuts called their own island Nagun Alayeksa, meaning the land lying near Alayeksa. By a process of Russianizing and Anglicizing Alayeksa became Alaska, and Nagun-Alayeksa became Unalaska. The original Aleutian word Alayeksa meant "the great country," as the inhabitants of scattered islands would naturally consider a vast continental region of varied resources and beautiful scenery as Alayeksa or Alaska has since proved to be.


SANTA CLAUS
BANKS HERE
1917
Christmas 1917
As we turn the pages of history we find few years when Christmas was more appropriate than today.
Thrift has a large place in such a program and a bank account is of no little value in properly directing the impulses of life into their proper channels.
If you already possess a growing account see that you assist some friend, who may be struggling toward success without such friendly aid, to have one this Christmas.
NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Missouri
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

BURN OUT CHINCH BUGS NOW

Farmers Urged to Protect Next Year's Grain Crops by Destroying Their Winter Habitat in Weeds

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 12.—The chinch bug as a destructive factor in the 1918 wheat and corn crops can be practically eliminated by neighborhood action now, according to a bulletin by T. J. Talbert of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, just issued.

"Chinch bugs have taken refuge in clump forming grasses, litter, weeds and trash along fence rows, road sides, and ravines near last summer's corn fields. Here is where they will spend the winter if let alone. If these shelters are burned off before bad weather sets in, millions of bugs will be killed and a large percentage of the rest will be killed by winter weather," says the bulletin.

Blanket Your Horses.

Horses don't like the idea of being compelled to stand on the streets in cold weather of this kind any more than do persons. Several horses left standing on the streets in the downtown section today didn't stand long. Some run away, while others walked away.

Ohio's Champion Corn Grower.

Irvin Wasen of Vermilion, Erie county, is the champion boy corn grower of Ohio. Wasen produced 148.07 bushels of corn on his acre and sold it at a profit of $122.50. Both production and profit entered into consideration in selecting the winner. Wasen's expenses on the boys' corn trip to Washington will be paid by Governor James M. Cox.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Arkoe M. E. Church
Bazaar and Supper
Saturday afternoon and Evening, Dec. 15
—At the Church

Ten thousand Serbian girls between the ages of ten and fourteen have been deported to the harems of Constantinople.

Eyes Tested Free
Glasses Fitted
We Guarantee Satisfaction.
H. L. Raines
West Third Street

MRS. BURNHAM JAMAICA, N. Y.

Sufferings Cured by Medicine Recommended by Sister-in-law.

Jamaica, N. Y.—"I suffered greatly with my head and with backache, was weak, dizzy, nervous, with hot flashes and felt very miserable, as I was irregular for two years. One day when I was feeling unusually bad my sister-in-law came in and said, 'I wish you would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound.' So I began taking it and I am now in good health and am cured. I took the Compound three times a day after meals, and on retiring at night. I always keep a bottle in the house."—Mrs. L. N. Burnham, 295 South St., Jamaica, N. Y.

Women who recover their health naturally tell others what helped them. Some write and allow their names and photographs to be published with testimonials. Many more tell their friends.

Write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass., for anything you need to know about your ailments.

Public Sale

On account of having a surplus of stock which I am not prepared to winter properly, I will sell at the Wm. Woods farm, 3½ miles west and 1 mile south of Burlington Junction, on

Friday, December 14

Beginning at 10 o'clock, the following property:

9 Head of Horses and Mules—1 coming 5 year old dark bay horse, weighs over 1500, well broke and sound; 8 coming 3 year old mules. The majority of these mules are the good growthy kind.

65 Head of Cattle—Consisting of 14 yearling heifers, 8 yearling steers, 23 spring calves and 20 cows. The cows consist of some good milch cows and several 2 and 3 year old heifers. All bred to a registered Hereford bull for spring and early summer calves.

265 Head of Hogs—10 old sows bred for April farrow; 10 sows with about 70 fall pigs, 180 shoats weighin from 100 to 150 pounds, among which there are quite a number of gilts suitable for late breeding. These hogs are all the Chester White strain and are absolutely healthy, have had no disease on the farm for 5 years. A chance to get some good breeding stuff, and anyone wishing to fit up 1 or 2 carloads of hogs to run after cattle can find them here.

Will also offer about 2,000 bushels of corn if no other disposition is made of it by date of sale.

Terms—All sums of $10.00 and under, cash. Over that amount 3, 6 or 9 months credit, bankable note bearing 8 per cent interest.

R. P. Hosmer, Auct.
C. I. Hann, Clerk.
W. W. Jones, Lunch.

G. M. Worth

Financial Statement

Report of receipts and disbursements of Nodaway County Chapter, American Red Cross, from date of organization June 20th, 1917, to November 30th, 1917,

Total Number of Members in Detail, and Amount of Dues Collected.

Patron Members.....	23 at $100.00 each		$2,300.00
Life Members.....	164 at $ 25.00 each		$4.100.00
Sustaining Members...	235 at $ 10.00 each		$2,350.00
Cont. Members.....	670 at $ 5.00 each		$3,350.00
Subscribing Members..	758 at $ 2.00 each		$1,516.00
Annual Members.....	1755 at $ 1.00 each		$1,755.00
Total Members.....	3605		$15,371.00
In addition to above, the Chapter has received in various donations, a total of			$ 1,608.24
And received from Barnard Branch for materials			$ 52.18
Making grand total receipts from all sources			$17,031.42

Under the rules of the American Red Cross, the cash receipts above have been divided between the National Headquarters, and the Chapter as follows:

Remitted National Headquarters		Retained by Chapter	
For Dues	$12,069.50	For Dues	$3,301.50
Special donation	8.00	For Donations	$1,600.24
		For Materials	$ 52.18
Total remitted	$12,077.50	Total retained	$4,953.92

The portion sent headquarters is distributed into the various funds and expended for relief work all over the world.

Disbursements by Chapter.

For supplies for military relief work	$1,645.43
For wages and salaries of stenographers	67.50
Postage, stationery and printing	54.65
Red Cross Buttons	30.25
Miscellaneous (equipment office and work rooms)	248.49
Total disbursements	$2,086.32
Leaving cash balance, Nov. 30	$2,867.60

The above is a correct statement.

F. P. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Your Country's Call

By William Bloss.

Boy!

You Boy, between 18 and 31! You sire of the man who is to be! Come you on now and heed a calling voice.

Those who are the "Grandsire's Hoary" of the Marseillaise, and those who stand upon what the inspired Puritan poet called "the lofty summit of four-score," and those millions who come between them in long ranks reaching down to you, alike knit their voices with this call.

Through that clarion-noted trumpet in whose brazen throat rang the intrepid answer of Paul Jones, "I have not yet begun to fight," the American Navy is calling you. It needs you. It seeks you. It wants you.

The American Navy, because of its urgent need for more valiant volunteers to man its ships to fight the Hun, begins today in Missouri a campaign through which it hopes to, and must, enlist within two weeks twelve hundred more volunteers as the quota of this State.

Herein opens a gate of glory through which may pass even those youth of ours who remain uncalled to the colors, although drafted on the fifth of June. Any man who is registered, and still unsummoned, may avail himself of this opportunity.

He has a chance to show the true blue in his soul.

He has a chance to show the red blood that leaps from his heart.

He has a chance to wear a white plume, even as did Henry of Navarre.

There should be such a rush to the colors of the great fleet that long before the designated final day, the 15th of Demember, our grand old Missouri cornucopia shall be heaped up, pressed down, and running over. It is the chance for intrepid souls to kindle without stigma their patriotic fire; it is a chance for valorous hearts to prove their courage.

Not alone calls our Navy, with its glorious traditions; not alone do the voices of our first Commodore, "Jack" Barry out of County Wexford, who won 20 battles against odds aboard the Lexington and lost not one, or the Master of Bon Homme Richard; not alone do Decatur and Farragut and Dewey and Schley call to you O! Boy! Man of the Hour, but singing and pleading and urging, behind their voices ring the notes of your Mothers and Sisters, who have entered upon this campaign with the fair mistress of our State House, to "Pledge a Man" that Missouri's honor may shine out.

O! Boy! how can you hesitate to join?

Your Navy wants you, and it needs you, and it calls to you aloud.

A Gift That Is More Than a Gift

Thrift is the most important thing in the world these days—the most valuable asset for man, woman or child.

Unfortunately, you cannot bestow a gift of thrift, but you CAN bestow upon those dearest to you the means for its easy attainment—you CAN give a Real Estate Savings Account.

Deposit a good "starter" to encourage the recipient along the pleasant "Thrift Road" that leads to Peace, Prosperity and Independence.

What other gift than this means so much MORE than a gift? What other gift so aptly expresses both the spirit of Christmas giving and the spirit of thrifty saving? What other gift so patriotic, sensible, acceptable, and safe? And it is no trouble to get it—no bothersome shopping or aggravating waits.

Real Estate Bank

OFFICERS:

George B. Baker President. Edward E. Williams, Cashier.
Burt M. Rowley, Assistant Cashier.

"PLEDGE A MAN."

Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner, the wife of the Governor, who has accepted the appointment from Lieutenant-Commander Brooks of the United States Navy in St. Louis, as Chief Lady Recruiting Agent in the campaign to raise 1,200 men from this state by December 15, yesterday issued the following greeting to the women of Missouri:

To the Lady District Recruiting Agents of Missouri:—

Greeting:

To us whose privilege it is to bear men, to uphold the liberty and freedom of the world, there can be no greater service than to engage in recruiting men for the United States Navy, who will man our fighting ships, and who will assure the safe passage to France of our soldiers now crossing the ocean to avenge the wrongs of outraged womanhood in Belgium.

I know the women of this state will bend every effort to fill the quota of 1,200 men for whom Secretary of the Navy Daniels has issued his urgent call and thus maintain the proud record of the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Missouri in times of national crises.

(Signed) JEANETTE B. GARDNER.

PIG CLUBS FOR RED CROSS

Carroll County School Girls Will Give Parties to Raise Money to Buy Porkers — Boys to Care for Them

Carrollton, Mo., Dec. 12. — Carroll county will organize pig clubs in every school district, the proceeds for the sale of the hogs to go to the American Red Cross.

School girls will give entertainments, socials, pie parties, etc., to raise money to purchase the pigs. It will be up to the boys to care for the pigs.

It is expected that between $5000 and $6000 can be raised for the Red Cross by the formation of these clubs in the 128 school districts.

Three $25 prizes have been offered by local banks to the school districts producing the best results. H. H. Wilconson, president of the local Red Cross chapter, is behind the plan.

LET A LITTLE FRESH AIR IN

The Best Way to Contract a Cold is to Keep the House Shut Up

Don't get the notion in your head because of the snow storm that you should close down all of the windows in your homes and offices. People should bear in mind that the quickest way to contract colds, grip, pneumonia and misery generally is to keep pure air from your homes. Plenty of good fresh air is needed at all times, especially in sleeping rooms at night. Any doctor will tell you the value of pure air.

Dirt Roads Won't Do in Winter.

Here is more misery for automobile drivers who have occasion to go out on the country roads. The snow storm is going to make bad roads just as soon as the snow melts. No matter how well the dirt roads are built up, they will be cut up. Dirt roads won't stand up under traffic. There is only one solution of the building of hard-surfaced highways. Can't you see that in the end hard-surfaced highways will save the taxpayers thousands of dollars during the next six years?

USED TO MEATLESS DAYS NOW

And the New Way is Going to Prove the Better Way, Also

Maryville people are getting so used to meatless and wheatless days they would object to changing back to the old days when meats of any kind were served every day and when wheat bread was available on any day. On meatless days—Tuesday of each week—it is eggs for breakfast, fish for dinner, and from now on it will probably be rabbit for supper. Fresh fish or codfish or mackerel, graham or rye bread are substituted for wheat bread. Every Tuesday is meatless day and every Wednesday is wheatless day.

DR. W. W. TURNER
OSTEOPATH
Treatment of bowel, liver and nervous diseases a specialty.
Office over Alderman-Yehle Store
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THE CHRISTMAS STORE

We have made this the real Santa Claus Store, and have bought a larger and better line of holiday goods than ever before.

D. E. HOTCHKIN
111 West Third Street

745 NEW WAR SHIPS

PROGRESS OF NAVY SINCE U. S. ENTERED THE STRUGGLE

SEC. DANIEL'S REPORT

Preparing Unceasingly, Night and Day, to Win the War, Secretary Tells Members of Congress

Washington, Dec. 12.—Pride in the achievements of the navy since the United States entered the war is the keynote of the annual report of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, made public today.

The report is carefully worded so that no bit of information that might be of benefit to the enemy may be communicated by it. The report of the general board of the navy, which has been charged with seeking solutions to the submarine menace and other grave problems, is suppressed in its entirety. Only the general questions considered by the board are given. In the secretary's report a few facts come to light that have not before been printed, but none is of great importance.

Secretary Daniels himself sums up the report in these words:

"In the navy we have prepared for and have met the duties of the present; we are preparing for and are confident we will be able to meet any call for greater duties, for more exacting responsibilities. The best way to secure enduring peace is to prepare unceasingly, day and night, for the winning of the war, whether it be long or short. This we have done; this we are doing; this we will continue to do."

Problems Met

Problems that have arisen and that have been met since the declaration of war with Germany are listed by Secretary Daniels as follows:

Preparation for impending and actual war, calling for the largest program of construction, the best plans to supply the larger fleets and the study of new agencies to be employed in a war without precedent.

The coordinating of our efforts with those of the countries with which we are aligned in the war.

The carrying on of offensive operations against the naval forces of our opponents.

Providing safe passage for ships charged with the duty of transporting a large army across the ocean and conducting military operations 3,000 miles overseas.

Maintaining available naval forces in a state of readiness for battle.

Providing additional fighting units necessary to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

Training personnel to man the new units of the navy and to assist in manning the merchant marine.

War Not Unexpected.

That the outbreak of war was not unexpected by the navy department is intimated by Secretary Daniels when he says that "many dispositions already had been made in anticipation of possible developments" before the president went to congress.

"No ships had been sent abroad," he adds, "but when we began to arm merchant ships a distinguished officer with a small staff was on the other side of the Atlantic, available for consultation as to general operations and ready to take charge of any force to be sent."

Secretary Daniels denies stories of lack of co-operation between the navy department and the British Admiralty by saying there has been a constant interchange of ideas, not only with Great Britain, but with all others of the enemies of Germany.

How The Navy Has Grown Since America Went to War

Washington, Dec. 11.—These facts and figures on the growth of the United States navy since the entry of this nation in the world war were made public for the first time today in the annual report of Secretary of the Navy Daniels:

January 1, 1917, there were:

300 naval vessels (all kinds)
4,500 officers
68,000 enlisted men
130 naval stations
35,000 naval yard employes

Now there are:
"Many more than 1,000"
15,000 officers
254,000 enlisted men
363 naval stations
Over 60,000 navy yard employes

"On shore and afloat, including civilians and sailors, the naval establishment embraces more han 300,000," Secretary Daniels said, "and further expansions are inevitable."

At the beginning of the fiscal year, 1917, monthly expenditures for all naval purposes were about $8,000,000; they are now about $60,000,000.

Is Reminded of Bryan.

W. J. Bryan is making redhot speeches for war, thereby reminding the Emporia Gazette of the little boy who asked his mother: "If a poor, little hungry boy was to come to the back door and ask for something to eat, would you give him that piece of pie that was left over from dinner?" and her reply was that she would. "All right," said the boy, "just wait a minute until I run around to the back door." Mr. Bryan is now at the back door. He should have the pie!

The Ladies' Aid Society will give annual bazaar and chicken dinner at Baptist church Thursday.

Warwick Hotel St.Louis
Rates $1.50 to $3.00
FIFTEENTH AND LOCUST STS.
New! Fireproof! Every room with private bath, circulating ice water, electric fan, telephone.
JAMES E. BUCHANAN, Pres. and Mgr.

MISSISSIPPI IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE FOR INVADER

River Navigable to Torpedo Boats as Far as St. Louis—Lesson of the Civil War.

American torpedo boats have gone as high up the Mississippi river as St. Louis and anchored at the foot of the Eads bridge. Is it, therefore, absurd to suppose that a German torpedo boat or small submarine, creeping stealthily up the river or lying submerged at night, might not do the same?

It is not likely, of course, but SUPPOSE IT DID. Suppose it turned its guns loose upon the metropolis of Missouri—we already know too well the liking of Germans for firing upon the civilian population of undefended cities—and suppose that, after doing all the damage it could, it never escaped and got away to sea again.

Would not the destruction it could cause in a couple of hours of some morning more than recompense the value of a dozen of such mosquito craft?

So long as this great river remains, Missouri can never consider itself entirely an inland city. Indeed, the control of the Mississippi, in the case of a foreign invasion, would be as essential to the enemy as it was to the North in the Civil War.

And if the Allies fail in the present war; if Germany comes out triumphant, who shall doubt that she will come knocking at our doors for the financial rewards of her tremendous undertakings of the last few years?

We have the one supreme opportunity to end this menace now, and end it forever. That opportunity depends entirely upon whether or not the navy can guarantee the safe transportation of our armies to France and their munitionment afterward.

The navy can do it upon one condition. And that is that it have the men necessary to its maneuvers for the next half dozen months. It is calling for 30,000 volunteers by Dec. 15, and it asks that 1,200 of them shall come from Missouri.

Missouri was never deaf to such a call in the past. It must not be deaf now.

Making Yeomen and Musicians.

All clerical work in the navy is done by yeomen. They keep the books, type letters and, in fact, do the same service as that performed by an office force on land. Yeomen are instructed in shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping and the official forms used in the navy. A musicians' school is being conducted at the Great Lakes training school, under the instruction and leadership of Lieut. John Philip Sousa of the United States naval reserve force.

Navy Gives First Life.

As usual, the navy may boast of the first gift of a life to the country in time of war. The first American fighting man to be buried in French soil was Luis Rheinhardt, a bluejacket, 19 years old, who was drowned at a French port.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the nation's call for 30,000 additional men to man our fighting ships means that Missouri must supply 1,200 men. The nation's need and the Navy's call are urgent, and I am confident Missouri's response will be prompt and generous.

The strength and capacity of a democracy in war depend upon the instant response of the people to every call of the Government. True loyalty demands this. The recruiting of 1,200 men for the Navy is an important work for the men and women of Missouri. Therefore I urge upon the young men of this state the duty of enlisting in the Navy, and call upon the people generally to make a special effort in this behalf to the end that our state may continue as first to answer the nation's need. To do this, we must rely very largely upon the effort of the individual citizen.

The Navy Recruiting Stations are located in St. Louis, Springfield and Joplin.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri.

Done at the City of Jefferson, this first day of December, A. D. 1917.

FREDERICK D. GARDNER.

The Preferred Medium

Ask practically anyone you meet what is the best advertising medium in Nodaway county and the answer will nearly always be, "The Democrat-Forum."

This newspaper carries more national advertising than all the other Nodaway county papers combined—because it has more than a 3,000 paid, NO-PREMIUM circulation, a subscription list obtained without "bait," as the Brooklyn Standard Union says.

If you are a local advertiser, are you getting the fullest value for your advertising appropriation, like the national advertisers? Through the Democrat-Forum is the only way.

The Democrat-Forum

DEMOCRAT-FORUM Classified Ads

RATES IN THIS COLUMN.

Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one-half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25c for three days.

Ads running less than three days or interrupted insertions, 1 cent per word each insertion.

Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by 12 o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra five cents will be made on all want ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE—1917 model Ford touring car; in A No. 1 shape. Has about $100 worth of extras on it. Call at Wray's garage. 7-13

FOR SALE—No. 5 Oliver Typewriters, cheap, on monthly payments. R. Jones, 418 West Second St. x

FOR SALE—Three cars choice potatoes, 80c per bushel. Wickham Berry Farm, Salem, Nebr. 10-17*

FOR SALE—Few pure blood Buff Orpington roosters for $1.25 if taken soon. Mrs. D. O'Grady, Farmers 6-13. 11-13

FOR SALE— Barred Plymouth cockerels. Call Mrs. T. M. C. Neff, Farmers phone 8-13. 11-13

FOR SALE — One good full blood yearling Duroc Boar. H. H. McClurg, 3 miles southeast of Pickering. 11-17*

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Poland-China boar, eighteen months old, weighing about 300 pounds, in ordinary flesh. Call at noon or in the evening. Farmers 37-20. Donahue, three miles north of K. C. depot. 12-14

FOR SALE — Cord wood, $4.00 per cord, good oak posts, $15 per hundred on ground; pole wood $3.00 per cord, at the Carr bridge. B. F. Mozingo, Hanamo phone 309. 6-12*

FOR SALE — 60 acres 2½ miles south of Arkoe; 2 houses, barn 22x40 hen house, hog house, rock cave, 4 good wells, 400 rods woven wire fence, mile to good approved school; $100 per acre. Terms, $1750 down, balance on time. Martin Logan, Route 3, Barnard. Telephone Arkoe. 12-15

MISCELLANEOUS

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

LOST—License No. 40963; tail lamp and bracket. Return to this office. 12-14*

FOR AUTO and Vehicle Painting see J. W. Linneman. Shop 118 South Buchanan St., Maryville. Satisfaction guaranteed. Hanamo 6338. 11-13*

NOTICE—To White Cloud township taxpayers: I will be at Barnard on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at Arkoe on Wednesdays and Maryville on Thursdays each week for balance of month. M. P. Ross, Collector. 11-13*

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck, Hanamo 683. 30tf.

FOR RENT—5-room cottage at 1010 North Fillmore, in good condition. 11-13*

FOR RENT—Modern rooms. J. B. Whitehead, 504 East Third st. 11-13*

FOR RENT—7-room modern house except furnace. 421 corner 11th and Walnut. Albena Lornson. 11-17*

WANTED

WANTED—At once, pump or automatic shotgun; also bicycles and parts. Harry Price, Hanamo 115, Farmers 193. 11-13

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

WANTED—A lady clerk at Reuilfard's. Call in person. 11-13

WANTED—Situation, general house work, competent to take full charge if necessary. Inquire 402 E. 7th st. 12-14*

WANTED — Good boy to strip tobacco. Inquire at Hansen's Cigar Factory. 11-13*

WANTED—Job by married man on farm. Write J. W. Houdeshell, Route 3. Maryville. 11-13*

WANTED — 30 mandolin, guitar, mandola, mando-cello and mando-bass players to join amateur orchestra. Alma Nash, Hanamo 10. 12-14*

WANTED — At once, office girl Apply at Packers' Market, 210 North Main street. 11-13

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Grain Market Future

Kansas City, Dec. 12. — CORN — December, $1.27; May, $1.25.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 15,000; steers, $9.00 @ $14.75; cows, $5.00 @ $13.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 15,000; top $17.65; bulk, $17.30 @ $17.65.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 12.—CATTLE — Receipts, 6,000; market 15 lower.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,000; market 5 higher; top, $17.75.

St .Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, Dec. 12. — CATTLE — Receipts, 35,000; market, weak.

HOGS — Receipts, 13,000; marke steady; top, $17.50.

ANOTHER COLD WAVE COMING

Below Zero Weather Promised for Tonight and Thursday — Strong North Wind Will be With It.

Another cold wave is on the way and which may prove more severe than the one just over. The weather bureau issues the following storm warning this afternoon. "Severe cold wave due Thursday; temperature will fall to far below zero by Friday morning. There will be a strong north wind tonight and Friday."

IS BOLSHEVIKI WEAKENING?

Counter Revolutions Are Said to Have Discouraged Lenine and Trotsky May Continue War

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—Severe loss of life was attendant on the first clash between the Bolsheviki and the Cossack forces, a Moscow dispatch advises today. Machine guns were used on both sides with telling effect with the Bolsheviki claiming full success. The indications are that Lenine and Trotsky are beginning to fear the consequences of counte rrevolutions, for despite the claim of "first victory" the information reaching here in effect is that the Bolsheviki leaders are now hinting that Russia will continue the war and that Germany's peace terms are undesirable.

A Patrol Boat Sunk.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 12. — A United States patrol boat has been sunk off here in collision with two other vessels, the identity of which has not yet been established. A wireless message stated that the crew was saved and a great deal of equipment removed before sinking. Only meagre details were contained in the radio message.

Less Alcohol in Malt Liquors.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 12. — The alcoholic content of all malt liquors, excepting ale and porter, was today ordered reduced to two and three quarters per cent by weight in a proclamation issued by the president. The order becomes effective January 1st.

FAILURE OF OUR NAVY SOLE HOPE OF GERMAN PRESS

JUNKER ORGAN PREDICTS DIFFICULTY OF TRANSPORTATION WILL CRIPPLE OUR WAR POWER.

Issue Resting Largely on America's Ability to Get Enough Men and Ships to Police Routes to France.

Washington.—Hurling the gauntlet of defiance directly at the American navy, the clique of Junkers who forced the ruthless submarine campaign upon Germany are openly boasting that their policy is already justified by its success.

This attitude is based upon the theory that because American naval forces cannot guarantee the safe transportation of men and supplies our participation in land warfare next year will be inconsiderable. It is hard to tell how much of this they believe themselves and how much is camouflage intended to reassure the German people, somewhat dismayed by reports of the tremendous scale upon which the United States is preparing for war.

Their foremost newspaper, the Kreuz-Zeitung, has just published a remarkable article analyzing the situation from the German point of view. It is far franker than most Junker publications, in that it does not attempt to minimize the importance of what America can do if it can get enough men on the firing line. Back of this seeming candor, however, is a clearly defined purpose of casting doubt upon the probability of American military intervention amounting to much.

The Problem Stated.

Accentuating what seems to it the weakness of our whole program, the Kreuz-Zeitung says:

"What worries the President most in connection with his war plans is how to transport the alleged million of soldiers across the ocean. The industrial press figures out that for 1,000 men 5,000 gross tons of ship space are needed. It is further assumed that a single trip, exclusive of embarking and landing, requires four weeks on the average. According to these figures, 750,000 gross tons of ship space would thus be required.

"In this connection two other points should be considered. The one pertains to the submarine boats, which are not likely to permit 1,000,000 or even 500,000 Americans to cross the ocean without attacking them, and further, that it is not alone a question of sending men across the ocean, but also of supplying them with foodstuffs, clothes, armaments, guns, aircraft and other things constantly necessary in warfare. This will require still more ship space. The Liverpool Journal of Commerce figured out that to keep permanently 500,000 men in the fighting line the United States will require, without the transportation of men, 1,700,000 gross registry tons permanently.

"This is a performance which even the United States cannot carry out, and for this reason the idea of an American giant army fighting in Europe appears to be a mere dream. The outcome of this experiment, however, is of great importance to the popularity and the influence of President Wilson, should this not turn out successfully. The Americans feel as convinced they are the first nation of the world and so much above other nations that they will blame it on their bad and inefficient government should the United States fail in coming victorious out of this fight."

It must be admitted that the German paper has given a shrewd twist to the very thing that has caused much worry to our own leaders. Unless America can find the solution to the problem, and find it right away, the Kreuz-Zeitung's conclusions will have to be conceded as correct.

Now a Matter of Men.

Here in Washington it is believed that we have already found it. The remedy must be left to the navy and to the navy alone. Enough shipping to carry our armies and to maintain them is in sight, thanks to the extraordinary energy which has been directed toward that end all over the country.

It will be up to the navy to protect that shipping—to police the ocean lanes and to keep them free of U-boats. The navy has enough vessels and enough guns to do that thing. The only thing it is short of is men, and it needs them more urgently than it ever did in its history.

Given the 30,000 more men Secretary Daniels has asked for in the next 15 days, the problem is regarded as solved. For that reason the authorities at the capital are watching with breathless interest the present hurry-up recruiting campaign.

As typical of the inland states, Missouri results are getting especial attention. That state has been asked for 1,200 men by Dec. 15. It is taken for granted that the response in Missouri will be indicative of the spirit of the whole great Middle West. Missouri's representatives in Congress are urging their constituents not to fail to do their part.

"We shall have no doubt of the results," one Missourian said, "if our young men can be made to see that our success in raising the 30,000 men needed for the navy may mean the difference between defeat and victory for our country in the war. They must be made to see that the safety of the thousands of their fellow Missourians who are going to risk their all in the trenches of France will rest so largely upon the 1,200 men the country is asking of Missouri for its navy."

EDUCATION IN THE NAVY

How America Trains Bluejackets in Useful Means of Livelihood.

The navy maintains numerous schools for the instruction of its recruits. There are four large training stations—at Newport, R. I.; Norfolk, Va.; Great Lakes, Ill. (North Chicago), and at San Francisco, Cal. Every recruit who enlists as apprentice seaman is immediately transferred to one of these training stations for instruction before he is assigned to a seagoing vessel. Young men, between 17 and 25, who are unskilled in any trade, are sent to the training stations. For the benefit of men who enter the navy with some knowledge of or experience in a trade, or special vocation, the navy maintains trade schools as follows:

The Navy Electrical School, for the instruction of electricians, both general and radio; the Artificer School, for shipwrights, shipfitters, carpenters, blacksmiths, painters, etc.; the Yeoman School, for stenographers, typewriters and bookkeepers; the Commissary School, for cooks, bakers and commissary stewards; the Hospital Corps Training Schools, for the instruction of men in nursing, first aid, drugs, etc.; the Coppersmith Aeronautic School, the Musician School, the School for Diving, the Torpedo School and the Class for Instruction in Gasoline Engines.

Not all of these trade schools are open to men on their first enlistment. Some, such as the machinist school and the torpedo school, are open only to men of good record upon re-enlistment. All the schools are conducted, however, for the benefit of enlisted men of the navy who desire to fit themselves for more responsible duty and better pay. In most instances the training obtained in these schools will stand the men in good stead in civil life, should they decide, after a few enlistments, to remain out of the navy. Former bluejackets who owe their success to the training they received while in the navy may be found in nearly every large industry, holding enviable positions.

In addtion to the practical instruction imparted at the training stations and in the navy trade schools, a course of academic instruction is conducted throughout the naval service. Every recruit is examined as to his School, the Machinist School, the given every encouragement and is aeducational needs, and if he is deficient in any common school studies he is assigned to such classes as will supply the education he lacks. The academic instruction does not stop at the training stations, but continues on board ship; and if a young man shows a willingness to advance himself he is forded an opportunity to demonstrate his ability.

If you are a powder monkey or a gun pointer or anything else on a ship of the Navy when it takes part in the battle which ends this war or turns the scale in your country's favor, your name will go on the honor rolls of America and will be as imperishable as that of Paul Jones, or Decatur, or Schley or Dewey.

WHAT THE NAVY MEANS.

It is the navy that today is protecting your homes and your families.

Uncle Sam's monster battleships, his swift destroyers, his submarines, are guarding the roads of the sea that lead from the enemy's country to your own dooryards.

These steel ships, manned by thousands of the best and bravest of the young men of America, are on unsleeping watch to protect YOUR mother, YOUR wife, YOUR daughter from all those horrors that have spread over war-stricken Europe.

Ever since the war began the navy has been on the job, protecting your homes and your families. It is the clear-eyed boy in the sailor's uniform, on constant watch beside great gun or torpedo tube, who has kept the war from America.

This is what the navy means to you, to your home, to your women.

And now the navy wants you. The constantly increasing number of ships, which are to win the war, must be manned. If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 there is a place waiting for you on one of your country's fighting ships. The pay is good, insurance and allotments will take care of your dependents, and, above all, you will be doing your bit for your country.

Your postmaster knows all about it and is empowered by the Navy Department to enroll you. See him TODAY. Missouri must furnish 1,200 men before Dec. 15. Now is your time. Don't delay. Do it TODAY.

Your Navy needs you now. Ask your postmaster. He knows.

Christmas Presents That Please Men

LAST Christmas many a man decided his feminine friends were not worthy of the vote simply because they sent him such foolish, inappropriate gifts. On the other hand, a successful present makes an impression that never wears off. It is a little monument to the taste, intelligence and affection of the giver.

Among the following suggestions is almost certain to be something which will please any man:

If he shaves himself, one of the light, magnifying shaving mirrors which can be quickly and easily attached to a window or wherever the light is good.

A trousers rack will please him greatly, especially if he is a bachelor and his closet room is limited.

The furniture and department stores carry flat, wide, shallow cedar chests on wooden wheels which roll easily out from under the bed. This is particularly adapted to the college boy in his little dormitory room. For him also a sweater is a joy.

A small kit of tools is a good present for almost any man unless he is a carpenter or a paralytic. One to half a dozen pairs of shoe trees are an inexpensive but grateful present.

In case he has electricity in his house there is no end of good things for him—coffee percolators, bread toasters, cigar lighters, etc.

If he has a car you may charm him with one of the new-fangled pneumatic or other cushions which are now sold to re-enforce the upholstery of the car. A lap robe or a vulcanizer or vacuum bottle or even a new horn may be just the thing for him.

Very likely he has a telephone. If so get a little mahogany card index file and have some one (preferably you) look up the telephone numbers of the people in his address book and write them on the cards.

A fountain pen for his desk would prove a convenience and a delight.

Should you care to pay $10 you can surprise and please a man who has a little bit of accounting to do at home by giving him a pocket adding machine. For about the same price you can buy him a real, fool proof, portable shower bath.

Metal wastebaskets are appreciated by men because a lighted cigar or cigarette dropped into them is not likely to bring the fire department.

A frame for a cabinet-sized photograph will not be amiss if you are sure he wants your picture in it.

But don't send him a necktie, nor a scarfpin, nor a matchbox or he'll never forgive you; also restrain yourself from inflicting a pearl-handled penknife, a pocketbook (unless you are old and richer and can put something into it) or a box of cigars just as good as the kind he smokes.—New York American.

Shop Early.

It won't be long
Before we say,
"I'll buy my Christmas
Gifts today!"
—Baltimore Sun.

And when night comes,
As like as not,
You'll swear and say,
"I clear forgot."
—Springfield Union.

Or else you'll cry:
"Alas, alack!
I wish I had
My money back!"
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Christmas the Same as Ever.

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be. . . . Never heed such dismal reminiscences. . . . Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. . . . Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your new year a happy one.—Charles Dickens.

Christmas of Long Ago

IN the midnight sky a wonder;
A star in the East aglow,
And mellowest voice thereunder,
Christmas of long ago.

With gaze upraised the sages,
Poor shepherds bending low;
A rapture to light the ages,
Christmas of long ago.

O Child-God laid in the manger,
Who bore no diadem;
To the lords of earth a stranger—
Outcast of Bethlehem!

Thy message came to the lowly;
Thy star was sent to the wise.
And "Peace" and "Love" were the holy
Words from the midnight skies.

They filled the heart of one other,
To its own sweet overflow;
Peace and love to the mother,
Christmas of long ago.

Has Time's dust dulled its glory?
Have tear mists blurred its rays?
Is it now too old a story
For hurrying, changing days?

Oh, ever our hearts shall hearken
To the angel's chant above,
And never shall distance darken
The star that shines in love.

And ever shall smile the mother,
Mother whose child was God;
God, who took man for brother;
Brother our ways who trod.

Forever in joy completer
Shall the clear, glad message show,
And its angel voice sound sweeter—
Christmas of long ago.
—Joseph I. C. Clarke.

Gold Fish Free

Two Gold Fish and a Glass Fish Globe absolutely FREE. This special offer for a short time only. See our window.

Maryville Drug Co.

UNCLE SAM TO HELP

AGENTS WILL GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME TAX

BETTER WATCH PAPERS

It Is Up to the Individual to Hunt Up the Agent When He Comes and Make Proper Return

E. M. Harber, collector of internal revenue, Kansas City, has been advised by the department that the income taxpayer will not hereafter have to figure out his own income tax all by himself. The government, Mr. Harber is advised, is going to send out men to help such taxpayers. It will, however, it must be understood, be up to all those who should make returns to hunt up these men who will be sent into every county seat and some of the larger towns to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell the taxpayer when the government income tax man will be there, and where to find him. Such government representative will answer questions, swear the taxpayer to the return, take his money and remove the wrinkles from his brow.

Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918; for failure to do so heavy penalty is provided.

"The government recognizes," Collector Harber says, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes, too, that taxpayers resident at points where collectors' offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of $2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of $1,000, for the year 1917 must must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the court house at the county seat town. In cities where there are collectors' branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of $1,000 and $2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage earners will be required to make return and pay tax.

"The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making a report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with the penalties."

Captain Hanna to Report for Duty

Captain Forrest Hanna left yesterday, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrrs. O. C. Hanna, to report for duty at Fortress Monroe, Va.

Oratorio Society Concert

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 18

First Methodist Church, 8 p. m.

Tickets at Landon Music Co., and Montgomery Shoe Store

Admission - - - 25 cents

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Public Stock Sale

Having a surplus of stock, I will sell at public auction, at my father's farm, located 2 miles east of Skidmore, Mo., and 12 miles southwest of Maryville, Mo., commencing phomptly at 11 a. m., on

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1917

122———HEAD OF HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS AND SHEEP———122

7 Head of Horses—Consisting of 1 black, coming 8 year old mare with colt by side, weight about 1500 pounds, broke to work; 1 bay, extra good Belgian mare, coming 4 years old, safe in foal to jack and well broke, weight about 1450 pounds; 1 good, coming 2 year old Belgian mare colt; 4 extra good saddle bred colts, consisting of 1 bay, 4 year old mare, 1 bay 3 year old mare, 1 bay 2 year old horse, 1 bay mare, coming 2 years old.

70 Head of Cattle—Consisting of 1 good, 2 year old Hereford bull; 25 extra good, high grade Shorthorn cows that will bring calves in March; 10 head of 2 year old cows and heifers, bred; 35 head of extra good yearling heifers that are bred for May calves. The cattle are all native and most all of them are my own raising. One and one-half carloads are fat enough for market.

35 Head of Good Stock Hogs.

30 Head of Sheep—Consisting of 10 extra good coming 3 year old Shropshire ewes, all bred, black faces. Will offer for sale 20 head of ewe lambs, coming yearlings, Shropshire and black faces, an extra good lot. These sheep are all native stuff.

Terms—Sums of $10 and under, cash. On sums over $10 a credit of 6 or 8 months will be given, purchaser giving bankable note with 8 per cent interest from date of sale. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

R. P. HOSMER, Auct.
H. W. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

Frank Goslee

Lunch by Ladies of M. E. Church.